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# **EARTH RESOURCES**

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A selection of annotated references to unclassified reports and journal articles that were introduced into the NASA scientific and technical information system and announced between January 1 through March 31, 1980 in

- *Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR)*
- *International Aerospace Abstracts (IAA).*

# INTRODUCTION

The technical literature described in this continuing bibliography may be helpful to researchers in numerous disciplines such as agriculture and forestry, geography and cartography, geology and mining, oceanography and fishing, environmental control, and many others. Until recently it was impossible for anyone to examine more than a minute fraction of the earth's surface continuously. Now vast areas can be observed synoptically, and changes noted in both the earth's lands and waters, by sensing instrumentation on orbiting spacecraft or on aircraft.

This literature survey lists 380 reports, articles, and other documents announced between January 1 and March 31, 1980 in *Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR)*, and *International Aerospace Abstracts (IAA)*.

The coverage includes documents related to the identification and evaluation by means of sensors in spacecraft and aircraft of vegetation, minerals, and other natural resources, and the techniques and potentialities of surveying and keeping up-to-date inventories of such riches. It encompasses studies of such natural phenomena as earthquakes, volcanoes, ocean currents, and magnetic fields; and such cultural phenomena as cities, transportation networks, and irrigation systems. Descriptions of the components and use of remote sensing and geophysical instrumentation, their subsystems, observational procedures, signature and analyses and interpretive techniques for gathering data are also included. All reports generated under NASA's Earth Resources Survey Program for the time period covered in this bibliography will also be included. The bibliography does not contain citations to documents dealing mainly with satellites or satellite equipment used in navigation or communication systems, nor with instrumentation not used aboard aerospace vehicles.

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**TITLE** → **CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL TEST SITE: A PROTOTYPE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEM, VOLUME 1 Final Report**

**AUTHOR** → Robert H. Alexander, Principal Investigator 26 Sep. 1979  
384 p Original contains color imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS → **PUBLICATION DATE**

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**REPORT NUMBER** → The author has identified the following significant results. LANDSAT data showed the test region in 1972 to be 9% urban and built-up land, 38% agriculture, 50% forest, 3% nonforested wetlands, and less than 1% barren land, exclusive of water-covered areas. A comprehensive user evaluation revealed greatest demand for high-altitude aerial photography and the detailed maps and data products that can be derived from the metropolitan areas agencies, found relatively little use for LANDSAT imagery at 1:250,000 scale and corresponding manually interpreted land use maps.

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**AIAA ACCESSION NUMBER** → **A80-16427 \*** # Geodynamics from satellites. W. M. Kaula → **TITLE**

**AUTHORS AFFILIATION** → (California, University, Los Angeles, Calif.). *American Astronautical Society, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1979, Paper 79-243. 6 p. 6 refs. Grant No. NSG-5263.* → **AUTHOR**

**CONTRACT OR GRANT** → The NASA Geodynamics Program is developing a variety of techniques in support of national programs in geodynamics, geomagnetism and earthquake hazard reduction. Global tectonics are to be observed by satellite laser tracking and radio interferometry, which will be used to measure the movements of extended (greater than 200 km) regions to an accuracy of 3 cm, while for shorter distances, lasers enable a more rapid measuring of regional strain accumulation patterns than ground systems. The techniques of Doppler tracking between two satellites to measure the gravity field over the ocean is also under NASA study. J.P.B. → **MEETING DATE**

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Include crop forecasts, crop signature analysis, soil identification, disease detection, harvest estimates, range resources, timber inventory, forest fire detection, and wildlife migration patterns.

**A80-10171 #** Digital processing of multispectral color aerial photographs of forest land (Opyt tsifrovoy obrabotki tsvetnykh spektrozonal'nykh aerosnimkov lesa). R. I. El'man, V. M. Zhirin, and A. N. Potapov (Vsesoiuznoe Ob'edinenie Lesproekt, USSR). *Geo-deziia i Aerofotoš'emka*, no. 3, 1979, p. 75-79. In Russian.

The paper gives results of a machine experiment relating to the digital processing of aerial photographs of forest land. A color selection algorithm is presented for determining the parameters that influence the machine interpretation of tree types in a mixed evergreen forest, with an evaluation of the accuracy of such determination. An algorithm is also developed for the identification of damage to recently planted trees; the possibility of determining the portion of pines in pine/birch areas and of evaluating the degree of pollution damage of pines is examined. B.J.

**A80-10877** Radar interpretation based on photo-truth keys - A practical training exercise for tropical foresters. S. G. Banyard (International Institute for Aerial Survey and Earth Sciences, Enschede, Netherlands). *ITC Journal*, no. 2, 1979, p. 267-276.

It is well known that one of the main factors limiting the acquisition of aerial photographs of extensive areas in the tropics is the prevalence of cloud and mist cover. SLAR is especially useful for forest vegetation mapping in tropical regions where the acquisition of aerial photographs is difficult and often impossible due to adverse weather conditions. SLAR imagery can be interpreted for the production of thematic maps, and the paper considers this aspect of radar usefulness, with particular reference to training in forest type mapping. By carrying out a prescribed training exercise, foresters discover for themselves the difficulties and limitations associated with the interpretation of currently available radar images. The importance of reliable ground truth and the use of accurately located 'photo-truth' keys is discussed. S.D.

**A80-11708 #** Use of digital terrain modeling to support resource planning in the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. T. W. Gossard (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Washington, D.C.). In: *New technology for mapping;*

*Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978.* Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 726-734. 6 refs.

There are currently three systems in use within the Forest Service that use Digital Terrain Data (DTD) as source material. TOPAS (TOPographic Analysis System) was developed in-house in 1975 and is heavily used by resource managers to evaluate impacts of alternate land uses of National Forest lands. Digital Terrain Information System (DTIS) is a secondary set of programs within TOPAS that has been enhanced to handle more rigorous analyses related to site specific projects, often involving engineering reconnaissance and design. Method of Scenic Alternative Impacts by Computer (MOSAIC) was written under contract, and is a photomontage system that employs computer graphics to depict proposed landscape alterations to overlay on a terrestrial photograph of an existing area. The basic features of each system, and the primary uses of output products are discussed. (Author)

**A80-13136** Wheat spectral reflectance - Interactions between crop configuration, sun elevation, and azimuth angle. R. D. Jackson, P. J. Pinter, Jr., S. B. Idso, and R. J. Reginato (U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory, Phoenix, Ariz.). *Applied Optics*, vol. 18, Nov. 15, 1979, p. 3730-3732. 9 refs.

Interactions of crop configurations with sun angle and sun azimuth influencing the spectral reflectances of wheat are investigated. Plots of wheat were planted in a dense stand with no rows, and in rows spaced 0.3 m apart running north-south and east-west. Radiance were measured when the plants were 0.35 m in height and covered 70% of the ground in the row plots by means of a radiometer having bandpass intervals similar to those of the Landsat multispectral scanner during the course of one day as the solar elevation angle and azimuth angles changed. Measurements reveal essentially no changes in IR radiances (0.8 to 1.1-micron and 0.7 to 0.8-micron bands) in the no-row plot with solar angle, with slightly greater reflectance in the afternoon than the morning, and similar variations for both row orientations. For the visible (0.6 to 0.7 and 0.5 to 0.6 micron) bands, the reflectance of the no-row plot increased abruptly at noon, the east-west plot exhibited little change with solar elevation, and the reflectance of the north-south plot increased about 2.3 times as the sun neared solar noon. It is concluded that crop configuration is a major determinant of wheat spectral reflectance and should be considered in interpreting imagery spanning a significant time. A.L.W.

**A80-13141** Plant canopy information extraction from composite scene reflectance of row crops. R. D. Jackson, R. J. Reginato, P. J. Pinter, Jr., and S. B. Idso (U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory, Phoenix, Ariz.). *Applied Optics*, vol. 18, Nov. 15, 1979, p. 3775-3782. 18 refs.

As an aid in the interpretation of remotely sensed data from row crops with incomplete canopies, a model was developed that allowed

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the calculation of the fractions of sunlit soil, shaded soil, sunlit vegetation, and shaded vegetation for each resolution element in a scan of a remote sensor for a given set of conditions (plant cover, plant height/width ratio, row spacing, row orientation, time of day, day of year, latitude, and size of resolution element). Using measured representative reflectances of the four surfaces, composite reflectances were calculated as a function of view angle. Also, representative temperatures for each surface were used to simulate composite temperatures viewed by an IR scanner. With composite reflectances and temperatures known as a function of view angle, ways were explored to extract plant cover and plant temperature data from the composite data. (Author)

**A80-13357** Look direction modulation function of the radar backscattering coefficient of agricultural fields. F. T. Ulaby and J. E. Bare (University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc., Lawrence, Kan.). *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, vol. 45, Nov. 1979, p. 1495-1506. 9 refs.

An experimental evaluation is presented of the look direction modulation function, which describes the dependence of the radar backscattering coefficient on the orientation of the radar look direction relative to the row direction of agricultural fields. The look direction modulation function was investigated for angles of incidence from 0 deg (nadir) to 60 deg, microwave frequencies from 1 GHz to 18 GHz (30 cm to 1.67 cm in wavelength) and for all linear polarization configurations (HH, HV, and VV). Based on experiments conducted for fields of corn, wheat, and soybeans under several different growth conditions, the results indicate a strong dependence of the like-polarized radar backscattering coefficient on look direction at 1 GHz, decreasing exponentially with frequency to an insignificant dependence above 4 GHz. The cross-polarized radar backscattering coefficient shows no significant dependence on look direction at any frequency or angle of incidence. (Author)

**A80-14375** The application of Landsat-MSS imagery for agricultural planning in tropical rain and swamp forest zones (Die Verwendbarkeit von Landsat-MSS-Bildern bei landwirtschaftlichen Planungen in tropischen Sumpf- und Regenwaldzonen). W. Müksch. *Bildmessung und Luftbildwesen*, vol. 47, Nov. 1, 1979, p. 189-193. 5 refs. In German.

Within the frame of a cacao plantation project in the southern rain forest of Cameroon a general use of Landsat-MSS imagery was tested for agricultural planning. Test basis was a geometrical analysis in three characteristic regions: Mangrove swamps, secondary rain forest, plantations and humid savanna. As geometrical figures points, distances and areas were tested by transformations and comparisons of image and map. The results found were some accuracy relations which admit conclusions for application of the photos in different measures of agricultural planning. (Author)

**A80-14580** Microwave radiometric methods and the problem of forest and peat fires. L. F. Borodin, E. N. Valendik, and A. S. Mironov. (*Radiotekhnika i Elektronika*, vol. 23, Oct. 1978, p. 2120-2131.) *Radio Engineering and Electronic Physics*, vol. 23, Oct. 1978, p. 85-93. 29 refs. Translation.

The results of works involving the use of microwave radiometry in solving the problems of forest and peat fire protection are generalized. Information is given concerning the microwave radiation of forest fires. The major tactical parts of a fire can be clearly identified through the use of airborne microwave radiometers under dense smoke conditions. The experimentally obtained spectral dependences of the absorption coefficient and emissivity of peat are presented. An estimate is given of the microwave radiation spectra of peat piles with hidden sources of dangerous heating. It is shown to be possible in principle to estimate the degree of fire danger in territories covered by forests and peat bogs by means of spectral measurements of their emissivity. (Author)

**A80-15051** Albedo of vegetated surfaces - Its variability with differing irradiances. K. T. Kriebel (München, Universität, Munich, West Germany). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 283-290. 7 refs. Research sponsored by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

The albedo of four vegetated surfaces was investigated to derive its variability with differing distributions of the irradiance. The results are based on measured values of the spectral biconical reflectance factor, which are combined with calculated spectral irradiances for low and high atmospheric turbidity. The solar zenith angle is varied from 0 to 80 deg. The derived spectral albedos are then integrated with respect to wavelength in order to achieve the albedo. It is found that the variability of the albedo with respect to the atmospheric turbidity is less than 0.01 in nearly all cases. The variability of the albedo with respect to the solar elevation angle, however, is larger than 0.02 in many cases. For solar elevation angles from 20 to 60 deg, the variability of the albedo of the four surfaces can be represented by a mean curve which fits the individual variabilities with an accuracy of 0.015. (Author)

**A80-15052** Remotely sensed land cover temperature and soil water status - A brief review. G. F. Byrne, J. E. Begg, P. M. Fleming, and F. X. Dunin (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Canberra, Australia). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 291-305. 42 refs.

The temperature of a plant canopy, as seen by a scanning device, is determined by plant physiological processes and environmental conditions which interact in a complex manner not readily monitored by remote sensing devices. The physiology literature is briefly considered with a view to outlining factors that may be relevant in inferring soil water content from canopy temperature. Examples of energy fluxes and temperatures observed under field conditions are discussed. (Author)

**A80-15053** Estimating leaf-area index of wheat with Landsat data. R. B. Pollock and E. T. Kanemasu (Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, Manhattan, Kan.). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 307-312. 9 refs.

Foliage density is a valuable measurement for assessing crop growth, development, and yield. A relationship between foliage density and spectral intensity has been noted in several studies. In this study, an empirical model is developed to estimate foliage density, i.e., leaf area index (LAI), using Landsat multispectral scanner data. LAI measurements of wheat from several fields in three Kansas counties during three growing seasons were correlated with various transformations of Landsat multispectral scanner data. The model performed well at LAIs above 0.5, but significantly poorer below 0.5. (Author)

**A80-15057** Measured emissivity of soils in the southeast United States. S. E. Taylor (NOAA, Environmental Studies Service Center, Auburn, Ala.). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 359-364. 10 refs.

The thermal emissivities of exposed soil surfaces for the major soil subgroups of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida were determined. It was found that brightness temperature sensed by narrow-band infrared radiometers (10.4-12.6 microns), as used on SMS-GOES spacecraft would not deviate from thermodynamic temperatures by more than -2 C as a result of surface emissivity. Emissivity effects on the brightness temperature determined with broadband radiometers (5-15 microns), however, could be as great as -6 C. (Author)

**A80-15559** The effects of plot size and plot spacing on the precision of line plot sampling in a tropical rain forest. P. J. D. Versteegh (International Institute for Aerial Survey and Earth Sciences, Enschede, Netherlands). *ITC Journal*, no. 2, 1979, p. 277-291.



An experimental forest inventory was carried out in a tract of tropical rain forest of 2200 hectares on Pulau Laut, South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Shorea (Meranti) and Dipterocarpus (Keruing) are commercially the most important timber species. The spatial distribution of the species is heterogeneous with a pronounced tendency to grouping. The discussion covers sampling design, species group, analysis, and results. The tallying of data in record units afforded analysis per species group. Four species groups are distinguished: Shorea, Dipterocarpus, Euxideroxylon zwageri (ulin or ironwood), and all species. It is shown that the expected discrepancy is not significant for five record unit sizes and four species groups, which were indeed heterogeneous in their spatial distribution. Several tables supplement the text. S.D.

**A80-15560**      **Examples of aerial photo-interpretation in soil surveys for an agricultural land development project in north-east Brazil.** B. Kemper (IAPAR, Londrina, Brazil). *ITC Journal*, no. 2, 1979, p. 292-301, 6 refs.

**A80-15775 #**      **A photo-interpretation study of erosion hazard in the Thaba Bosiu rural development area /Lesotho/.** E. M. Makhanya (London, University, London, England). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 27, 29-33.

Erratic sub-tropical rainfall in the study area is very destructive on the erodible soils of this bare and rugged landscape. Soil erosion is further accelerated by poor management of agricultural resources, and is more pronounced where crops are cultivated in areas that are susceptible to erosion. The results of this study, which was carried out by air photo-interpretation and field checking, showed that about 60 per cent of the land area is subjected to severe erosion and about 37 per cent of the cultivated land is situated on it, posing an erosion hazard. (Author)

**A80-15776 #**      **Some applications of remote sensing in agricultural resources with reference to India.** B. Dey (Ottawa, University, Ottawa, Canada). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 35, 37-42, 20 refs.

This paper examines the present experimental and quasi-operational remote sensing activities of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) for their agricultural resources management programs. Airborne remote sensing with multiband and infrared false color photography has been used from various platforms, including helicopters, aircraft and balloons for crop identification, crop estimation, land use classification and the inventory of water resources. Studies in the United States, Canada and a few other countries have demonstrated the important role Landsat and NOAA provide in agricultural resources inventories and planning. Some of the satellite remote sensing techniques could be applied to India, such as the use of low resolution NOAA imagery to study the behavior of monsoon rainfall, and the use of Landsat imagery for agricultural resources inventories, land use classifications and small-scale thematic mapping for large areas. Moreover, Landsat imagery might be used to obtain the yearly estimate of India's crop acreage. By using Landsat color composites (MSS Bands 4, 5 and 7) of dry and wet seasons, a land use classification map for part of Bihar State has been prepared. (Author)

**A80-15777 #**      **The contribution of Landsat imagery to reconnaissance soil mapping in north-west India.** J. A. Allan (London, University, London, England). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 43, 45-47, 12 refs.

Soil maps of northern India are generally inadequate and extremely difficult to locate. In addition, aerial photography is not available to scientists and administrators as a result of which information about the spatial distribution of land units, with their variation in quality, is extremely difficult to obtain. A study in Bulandshahr District in north-west India has shown that in the

circumstances of this study area the spatial, spectral and temporal resolution of the Landsat system are sufficient for the delimitation of land units with soils which can support vigorous agriculture and of those where soils are degraded, or severely degraded, by saline-alkali conditions. (Author)

**A80-15778 #**      **The value of using SLAR, satellite imagery and aerial photography for a forest survey in the Amazon basin.** A. A. Disperati (Paraná, Universidade Federal, Curitiba, Brazil) and M. A. Keech (National College of Agricultural Engineering, Silsoe, Beds., England). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 49, 51-55.

Side-looking airborne radar, satellite imagery and aerial photography were used in a recent forest inventory carried out along part of the Trans-Amazonian Highway. The survey involved the examination of a 20-km wide strip centered on the line of the road starting 120 km east of the Rio Xingu and finishing 200 km west of the river. The area had several terrain forms and most of these could be clearly demarcated on the SLAR though there were areas where the image reproduction seemed blurred. River lines, most important for location purposes, were better revealed on the satellite imagery which also amplified the geomorphological information found on the radar images. Geology was best revealed on the satellite imagery. Vegetation and the precise definition of the form of the geomorphology were observed on the aerial photography. The definition and classification of the forest types was achieved by stereo interpretation. It was found possible to identify different strata in the forests to describe the forms of the crowns, or combination of crowns in each layer, and to locate certain patterns of similarity. These were converted to horizontal diagrams. There appeared to be some correlation with the geological and geomorphological forms. Patterns located on photography could be identified on the satellite imagery in several cases, but the radar images at the scale available were less satisfactory. The use of all three media increased the confidence and accuracy of the survey considerably. (Author)

**A80-20267 \***      **A comparison between the first four thematic mapper reflective bands and other satellite sensor systems for vegetational monitoring.** C. J. Tucker (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Earth Resources Branch, Greenbelt, Md.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 579-593, 19 refs.

The first four Landsat-D thematic mapper sensors were evaluated and compared to the RBV and MSS sensors from Landsats-1, 2, and 3. Colvocoresses' proposed 'operational Landsat' three band system, and the French SPOT three band system using simulation/integration techniques and in situ collected spectral reflectance data. Sensors were evaluated by their ability to discriminate vegetation biomass, chlorophyll concentration, and leaf water content. The thematic mapper and SPOT bands were superior in a spectral resolution context to the other three sensor systems for vegetational applications. Significant improvements are expected for vegetational analyses from Landsat-D thematic mapper and SPOT imagery over MSS and RBV imagery. (Author)

**A80-20268 \***      **Dual polarized long wavelength radar for discrimination of agricultural land use.** W. P. Waite, H. C. MacDonald, D. N. Tolman, C. A. Barlow, and M. Borengasser (Arkansas, University, Fayetteville, Ark.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 595-607, 5 refs. Contracts No. JPL-954940; No. JPL-955048.

The scattered return of imaging radars is primarily sensitive to target structure or roughness and to composition of complex permittivity. The relative degree of penetration, or the depth of material to which the return is sensitive, also varies directly with the wavelength. Where vegetation can be eliminated as a factor, the

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surface return may be analyzed for variations in roughness or composition (primarily moisture content). L-band (25-cm) imagery has provided evidence that long-wavelength systems with improved penetration capability have the potential for minimizing the vegetation contribution and enhancing the surface return variations. However, the increased wavelength increases the sensitivity to large-scale structure. In the present paper, it is shown that addition of a cross polarized channel enables the interpreter to distinguish vegetation and orientation perturbations in the surface return. V.P.

**A80-20754 # Spectral reflectance of certain weeds (Spektral'naia otrazhatel'naia sposobnost' nekotorykh sorniaikov).** K. Ia. Kondrat'ev and P. P. Fedchenko (Glavnaia Geofizicheskaiia Observatoriia, Leningrad, USSR). *Akademiia Nauk SSSR, Doklady*, vol. 248, no. 6, 1979, p. 1318-1320. 6 refs. In Russian.

In order to devise a method to control the weed damage of crops, a study has been undertaken in the USSR to identify and classify weed types in grain fields. This summer-1978 study involved the identification of weed types according to their spectral reflectance characteristics, measured from an airborne photometer system. Data are used in developing an algorithm of weed identification. B.J.

**A80-15779 # Problems of remote sensing in the tropics - An appraisal of the Nigerian situation with regard to forest resources.** F. B. Larin-Alabi (Edinburgh, University, Edinburgh, Scotland). In: *Remote sensing applications in developing countries*. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 57, 59-61. 9 refs.

The paper considers problems involved in remote sensing techniques in forest surveys in Nigeria with particular emphasis on the tropical high forest as an example of a complex tropical forest system. The value of remote sensing for forest surveys has not been realized in the tropics due to the persistent cloud cover which impeded photography and made satellite sequential sensing less meaningful, and to environmental conditions limiting the interpretation of remote sensing imagery. Operational remote sensing in tropical countries is often executed by expatriates (because of lack of trained personnel) who leave the country at the conclusion of their assignments, so that the country loses their experience. To benefit from the remote sensing technology, radar should be improved because of its near-all-weather capability, and adequately equipped central and multidisciplinary remote sensing units and personnel training programs should be established. A.T.

**A80-15780 # Digital analysis of radar imagery for vegetation detection in Nigeria.** D. J. Stanley (Logica, Ltd., London, England). In: *Remote sensing applications in developing countries*. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 63, 65-74. 6 refs.

Single polarization X-band side-looking airborne radar imagery has recently been acquired for the whole of Nigeria for the primary purpose of generating a reliable forestry inventory to provide a baseline for management of timber resources. A microwave remote sensor was employed because of the persistent cloud cover over the equatorial region and the superior speed of acquisition for large areas. Because of the single channel nature of the imagery, conventional multivariate spectral classification is not possible, and methods have been developed to analyze and quantify the spatial intensity relationships usually described as texture. In addition to the principal aim of providing the human interpreter with a tool to quantify tone and texture relationships, research has also been oriented towards an investigation of the dependence of these quantities on system parameters such as resolution and antenna response as well as processing algorithms. Examples are selected to illustrate the need for a careful evaluation of the effects of such variables. (Author)

**A80-15783 \* # An assessment of LACIE and related methodologies for conducting crop inventories.** R. E. Tokerdud and J. A. Quirein (Lockheed Electronics Co., Inc., Systems and Services Div.,

Houston, Tex.). In: *Remote sensing applications in developing countries*. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 91, 93-101. 17 refs. Contract No. NAS9-15200.

The Large Area Crop Inventory Experiment (LACIE) is a joint undertaking of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It is designed to verify an economically important application of remote sensing from earth orbital satellites. The first two phases of the experiment have been completed. A description of the experiment and a short discussion on the results and conclusions of the first two phases are presented. The LACIE design is compared with other designs for conducting crop inventories. An integrated design methodology (based upon accumulated LACIE experience) is discussed for conducting crop acreage surveys in developing countries. (Author)

**A80-16562 # System of landscape-statistical methods for stocktaking and mapping of forests (Sistema landshaftno-statisticheskikh metodov inventarizatsii i kartografirovaniia lesov).** E. N. Kalashnikov. In: *Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions*. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 60-74, 190-192. 13 refs. In Russian.

The basic principles of a methodology based on a system landscape-statistical stocktaking and mapping methods are outlined. The correlation between the methods (and objects) of forest stocktaking and the inventory items and organization of forestry is demonstrated. The complexity of the technological processes is illustrated, and the potentialities of these processes are assessed. V.P.

**A80-16563 # Remote identification of the spatial structure of forest phytocoenoses (Distantionnaia indikatsiia prostranstvennoi struktury lesnykh fitotsenozov).** V. V. Kuz'michev, V. P. Cherkashin, V. Ia. Ledovskikh, and K. K. Dzhansetov. In: *Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions*. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 75-88. 22 refs. In Russian.

Characteristic of phytocoenoses is a well-defined organization level which manifests itself in the spatial structure of tree arrangements and arrangements of groups of trees and also in the arrangement of phytocoenoses within recurrent forms of the relief. This structure is reflected on satellite photographs and can be studied by quantitative methods. In the present paper, the analysis of the frequency-spatial characteristics of wooded areas, obtained from aerial photograph density traces is demonstrated by an example. V.P.

**A80-16565 # Mapping the soil cover of taiga landscapes by remote sensing techniques (Kartirovanie pochvennogo pokrova taizhnykh landshaftov s ispol'zovaniem distantionnykh metodov).** V. M. Korsunov, E. E. Boboleva, V. D. Karpenko, and F. I. Pleshikov. In: *Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions*. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 135-151, 185, 188, 189, 195-197. 20 refs. In Russian.

The principles of mapping forest soils from aerial photographs are outlined, along with a structural-ecological approach to the decoding and interpretation of aerial and satellite photographs in the identification of forest soils. An effective procedure for mapping the structure of forest soil covers is proposed. V.P.

**A80-16566 # Analysis of the landscape-ecological correlation of Siberian silkworm infestation areas, using aerial and satellite photography (Analiz landshaftno-ekologicheskoi priurochennosti ochagov Sibirskogo shelkopriada s primeneniem aerokosmicheskoi s'emki).** A. S. Isaev and V. Ia. Riapolov. In: *Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions*. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 152-167, 198, 199. 41 refs. In Russian.

**A80-16567 # Remote sensing methods applied to the solution of the forest fire problem (Distantionnye metody v reshenii problemy lesnykh pozharov).** E. N. Valendik. In: *Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions*. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 168-182. 32 refs. In Russian.

The current status of remote sensing techniques developed for combating forest fires is reviewed. Some results of the application of IR and microwave radiometry in forestry and in detection, mapping, and estimation of the rate of spread of forest fires are examined. V.P.

**A80-19543** Crop identification with L-band radar. F. T. Ulaby, P. P. Batlivala, and J. E. Bare (University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc., Lawrence, Kan.). *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, vol. 46, Jan. 1980, p. 101-105. 9 refs.

In an experiment to classify crops based on L-band radar data a synthetic aperture radar (SAR) was flown over the test site at 2170 meters msl. L-band imagery with HH and HV polarization was obtained. Depression angle ranged from 31 degrees in the near range to 15 degrees in the far range. Radar return values were digitized as grey levels (128 steps) for classification purposes. The data obtained were normalized by range correction curves and a linear discriminant analysis was performed on the normalized data. In the classification analysis, each of the two discriminating variables, like polarization (HH) and cross polarization (HV) returns, were used singly and in combination. The analysis led to the following conclusions: it is possible to separate four categories - corn, soybeans, woods, and continuous cover - with a confidence of 71 percent if both like (HH) and cross (HV) polarization returns are used; if only one polarization is used, HH yields good overall results (65 percent) and is able to separate corn, soybeans and continuous cover crops, but woods, however are confused with crops. V.L.

**A80-19544 \*** A seasonal verification of the Suits spectral reflectance model for wheat. E. W. LeMaster, J. E. Chance (Pan American University, Edinburg, Tex.), and C. L. Wiegand (Science and Education Administration, Weslaco, Tex.). *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, vol. 46, Jan. 1980, p. 107-114. 15 refs. Grant No. NSG-9033.

Variables that characterize wheat canopies for the Suits Model and spectral bidirectional reflectance measurements in the 450 to 1350 nm interval were determined approximately weekly throughout the growing season for two cultivars of wheat that achieved maximum leaf area index of 5.3 and 10.8. The Suits Model plant variables were tabulated and experimental reflectance measurements were compared with the model predictions in the wavelength interval from 500 to 1150 nm at 50 nm increments for 17 measurement dates. The seasonal average coefficient of determination,  $r^2$ , was 0.88 between the Suits spectral bidirectional reflectance model and field-measured reflectance data. Poorest agreement was found very early and very late in the growing season, possibly due to low green plant biomass and incomplete ground cover. (Author)

**A80-20024** Fixed-base large-scale photographs for forest sampling. R. D. Spencer (Town and Country Planning Board, Victoria, Australia). *Photogrammetria*, vol. 35, Nov. 1979, p. 117-140. 32 refs. Research supported by the Forests Commission of Victoria, APM Forests Pty., and University of Melbourne.

The use of large-scale aerial photographs for collecting and analyzing forest inventory data (tree heights, stem diameters and crown widths) is considered. Sharp images and improved accuracies of flying heights, essential for the determination of photographic scale, were obtained with fixed-base photography. Stereoscopic pairs of macro-scale photographs were taken simultaneously from heights of 200-500 ft using twin Vinten 70-mm cameras mounted on a 16-ft boom attached to a helicopter. Further development of this technique should be the use of cameras with between-the-lens shutters and could include twin-camera photography from fixed-wing aircraft with cameras mounted in the wings. V.L.

**A80-20195 #** Calculation of the spectral irradiance in space-borne photography of the earth (K raschetu spektral'noi osveshchennosti pri fotografirovani zemli iz kosmosa). Iu. V. Krylov. *Geodeziya i Kartografiya*, Oct. 1979, p. 12-14. 8 refs. In Russian.

A method is proposed for calculating the spectral irradiance of the entrance pupil of an earth surveying camera. For illustration, the

method is applied to calculations for the photography of various types of soil. V.P.

**A80-20238** Analysis of plant community structure and successional stage using multispectral and multirate aerial photography. R. R. Anderson, D. McFaden (American University, Washington, D.C.), and R. J. Kramer (Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff, Alexandria, Va.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 1-9. 8 refs.

Vegetation community patterns were determined in Rock Creek Park from a combination of several types of aerial photography. No single date of photography provided the total picture because an eastern deciduous forest is a dynamic multilayered mixture of plant species. Natural differences in plant types, such as spring and fall foliage characteristics, and natural relationships, such as the affinity of a plant association for wet soils or exposed slopes were exploited by selecting the appropriate type of photography (color infrared, black-and-white, etc.) and the proper season coverage. A large part of the initial efforts were directed toward determining which combination of film and season was most useful for discriminating the various vegetation communities and their component layers. V.P.

**A80-20248** A comparison of Landsat and forest survey estimates of forest cover. R. M. Hoffer, S. C. Noyer, and R. P. Mroczynski (Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 221-231. 8 refs.

This study was conducted to compare estimates of forest acreages obtained by standard Forest Service procedures to estimates obtained through the application of computer-aided analysis techniques to Landsat data. A total of 158 counties in four states (Mich., Wis., N.Y., and Mo.) involving all or parts of 16 U.S.F.S. Survey Units were involved in the comparison. The results indicate that reasonably comparable acreage estimates can be obtained from the Landsat data, providing that proper analysis procedures are utilized. (Author)

**A80-20249 \*** Spectral vegetation relationships in a tropical rain forest. B. N. Holben and C. T. Tucker (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Earth Resources Branch, Greenbelt, Md.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 249-263. 7 refs.

Jordan's (1969) spectral method of leaf-area index determination from measurements of the transmitted light at the forest floor is evaluated under a wide variety of illumination conditions in the Luquillo Rain Forest of Puerto Rico, using a hand-held radiometer. Previously suggested 'correction factors' for temporal adjustment were found to degrade the data. Quantitative use of the method was found to be restricted to high sun periods. Data collected under uniformly overcast conditions were of greater stability than under clear skies, however, stability was impaired by changes in cloud thickness. Care must be taken to minimize irradiational variability and to adequately sample the spatial variability. V.P.

**A80-20254** Spectral classification of tomato disease severity levels. L. D. Lathrop and S. P. Pennypacker (Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 329-342. 10 refs.

Spectral reflectance measurements over the 380-800 nm region in 10 nm bandwidths were made of randomly sampled plants in a

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0.4-ha block of determinant-growth tomatoes having the early blight disease in various severity levels. The relative significance among the forty three 10 nm bands and the severity levels of defoliation was determined by ordinary least-square regression. Two spectral regions of strong statistical significance - 380-510 and 600-690 nm - were identified and subsequently integrated to simulate two broad bandwidths. These bandwidths were used separately and in combination to compare several discriminant functions with respect to the classification of various severity levels of defoliation. V.P.

**A80-20257** Mapping vegetation with low cover density from Landsat data. R. M. McCoy and R. G. Witt (Utah, University, Salt Lake City, Utah). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 379-385.

An investigation is made into the problems of mapping vegetation having low cover densities in arid environments. Three study sites in central Utah having different vegetation cover ranging from low to medium densities are described. Results of mapping with a definition of bare ground extending up to 20% cover show improvement of other classes. Band ratios (R 5, 6 and R 5, 7) show capability for good estimates of cover density. (Author)

**N80-10588#** New Mexico Univ., Albuquerque. Technology Application Center.

**REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES. CITATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE ABSTRACTS DATA BASE Progress Report, 1974 - Jun. 1979**

Gerald F. Zollars Jul. 1979 48 p (NTIS/PS-79/0733/0) Avail: NTIS HC \$28.00/MF \$28.00 CSCL 02D

This bibliography cites 193 articles from the international literature concerning remote sensing applications in the agricultural sector. The use of remote sensors for soil and vegetation mapping, soil moisture mapping, and the interpretation of agricultural land use is stressed. GRA

**N80-10994#** Joint Publications Research Service, Arlington, Va.

**LOGGING OF GRAIN CROPS AND ITS DETECTION BY AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

V. Ye. Budanov (All-Union Scientific Res. Inst. of Cybernetics) In its USSR Report: Biomedical and Behavioral Sci., No. 112 23 Jul. 1979 p 1-6 Transl. into ENGLISH from Zashchita Rasteniy (Moscow), no. 4, 1979 p 32-33

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It was found that in several basic areas of grain production (northern Caucasus, nonchernozem areas, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belorussia and others) fermentative mycotic exhaustion especially increases under the influence of rainy weather, incessant dews and fogs. Investigations begun in various areas of the country in 1973 have made it possible to determine the basic features of the complicated biological mechanism causing the appearance, development and occurrence of the described phenomenon. The pathologic process occurs and develops under a certain combination of external and internal factors coming through successively and consists of the two following stages. The first stage is noninfectious and occurs during the phase of milk, wax and, less frequently, full ripeness of grain when the ears are moistened by rain, fog or continuous dews (with irrigated crops, during late watering when the grain is being formed). The second stage is infectious and is caused by saprophyte and semi-parasitic fungi from the genera of *Alternaria*, *Cladosporium*, *Helminthosporium*, *Fusarium*, etc. F.O.S.

**N80-12495** Landeskulturamt Hessen, Wiesbaden (West Germany). **CLASSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH THE AID OF REMOTE SENSING METHODS [KLASSIFIZIERUNG AGRARISCHER LANDNUTZUNG MIT HILFE VON FERNERKUNDUNGSMETHODEN]**

P. Richtscheid In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 281-286 In GERMAN

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Visual images of exploited land in the Rhein-Main region and around Wetterou were recorded and compared with scanning data and various photographs. Data obtained from flights in 1976 and May 1977 are interpreted. In spite of the unfavorable vegetation development periods during which data were recorded, it was possible to distinguish between different types of culture with the aid of the DIBIAS system. It is suggested that flights should either be more accurately synchronized with agricultural development phases, or that a program of regular flights should be set up. Author (ESA)

**N80-12496** Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpfaffenhofen (West Germany).

**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF AGRICULTURAL FARMING LAND [UNTERSUCHUNG VON LUFTBILDERN LANDWIRTSCHAFTLICHER KULTUREN]**

H. Helbig In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 287-294 In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Work conducted in the framework of a program for the recognition and determination of plant protection procedures and manure effects is described. Land divided into 2 x 5 sq m plots was studied. Various photographic conditions and vignetting effects made interpretation difficult. A procedure was developed to correct such effects, which relies on information contained in the image itself, and does not require any further measurement data. Author (ESA)

**N80-12497** Badische Anilin- und Soda-Fabrik A.G., Landwirtschaftliche, Giessen (West Germany).

**FEASIBILITY OF USING REMOTE SENSING FOR DETERMINING NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, DISEASES AND PEST INFESTATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL CROPS [MOEGELICHKEITEN DER FERNERKUNDUNG ZUR BESTIMMUNG VON NAEHRSTOFFVERSORGUNG, KRANKHEITS- UND SCHADLINGSBEFALL AN LANDWIRTSCHAFTLICHEN KULTUREN]**

K. H. Schneider In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 295-305 refs In GERMAN

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The radiobiological behavior of crops in the IR and visible spectrum was studied. It is shown that measurements made during the 1976 summer FMP program are satisfactory for classifying different types of culture. Concrete examples with various crops are presented and examined. The biological processes taking place are considered. In one case, it was possible to distinguish between different varieties of oats. It was, however, not possible to determine nutrition requirements for the dry 1976 summer. It was possible, though, in one instance, to detect pest infestation in winter corn. The results obtained indicate that optimum information is acquired from low altitude vertical flights. The data obtained must be processed quickly. Author (ESA)

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**TEXTURE ANALYSIS AS A RECOGNITION PARAMETER FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF FORESTS [ANALYSE DER TEXTUR ALS ERKENNUNGSPARAMETER ZUR IDENTIFIZIERUNG VON WALDTYPEN]**

S. A. Masumy and G. Hilderbrandt In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 307-317 refs In GERMAN

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It is shown that quantitative and qualitative determinations of forest characteristics from textures are highly dependent on the sensors used and the aircraft altitudes, and at low altitudes, on the position within the image. Examples are given of results obtained using photographic and scanning techniques at varied heights with different forests. Similarities are observed between the values of defined texture parameters determined at given heights with these two techniques. Author (ESA)

**N80-12499** Freiburg Univ. (West Germany).

**PHENOLOGY AS A FACTOR IN THE DETERMINATION OF DIFFERENT FORMS IN VEGETATION BY REMOTE SENSING [PHÄNOLOGIE ALS EINFLUSSGRÖSSE FÜR DIE FERNERKUNDUNG VERSCHIEDENER VEGETATIONSFORMEN]**

H.-J. Doefel /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 319-330 refs In GERMAN

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Temporal and spatial variations in vegetation forms were studied. Microdensitometer profile measurements were performed on images obtained by photographic methods, and different emulsions were tested. Specific phenological characteristics were revealed in forest and agricultural zones. Methods are suggested for recording and processing the corresponding information so as to optimize the differentiation between different forms of vegetation. Author (ESA)

**N80-12500** Freiburg Univ. (West Germany).

**APPLICABILITY OF MULTISCANNING TECHNIQUES IN ESTABLISHING INVENTORIES FOR AGRICULTURAL FARMING AND FORESTRY [EINSATZMOEGlichkeiten DES MULTISPEKTRALSCHANNERS FÜR LAND- UND FORSTWIRTSCHAFTLICHE INVENTUREN]**

P. G. Reichert /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 331-344 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Multiscanning results obtained with a preselected test region are presented. Computerized maximum likelihood and minimum distance methods (DIBIAS system) permit the identification and classification of different crops and types of forest together with the regions over which they extend. The problems encountered and the factors to be taken into consideration are discussed. Author (ESA)

**N80-12501** Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpfaffenhofen (West Germany).

**WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF MULTISPECTRAL CLASSIFICATION? [WAS BRINGT DIE MULTISPEKTRALE KLASSIFIZIERUNG?]**

E. Triendl /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 345-350 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Multispectral methods for classifying different crops are compared with classical procedures. The introduction of an ellipsoidal probability distribution enables a critical parametric function to be obtained from mean values and the covariance matrix (maximum likelihood classification). A practical example (bend in the Main, near Frankfurt) with two scanning channels is studied. It is concluded that reliability and applicability could be enhanced by combining multispectral methods with local parameters. Author (ESA)

**N80-12512** Institut fuer Physikalische Weltraumforschung, Freiburg (West Germany).

**ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SPECTRAL SIGNATURES OF VEGETATION COVERED SURFACES IN THE 400-1100 NANOMETER REGION [ZUR SIGNIFIKANZ VON SPEKTRALEN SIGNATUREN BEWACHSENER OBERFLÄCHEN IM BEREICH 400-1100 NANOMETER]**

W. Fischer /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 427-437 refs In GERMAN

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The effect of the sun zenith and sun azimuth angles on the spectral reflection factors of fodder beet, corn and other crops is investigated using measurements from a spectroradiometer. Overall radiation effects and variations with time of day and seasonal advances were studied. Results obtained, primarily in the Gottenheim region, are presented as a series of curves. The optical directional, and morphological reasons behind the observed variations are discussed. Author (ESA)

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**SPECTRAL REFLECTION FROM AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST REGIONS DURING THE VEGETATION PERIOD [SPEKTRALE REFLEXION LAND- UND FORSTWIRTSCHAFTLICHER KULTUREN WAHREND DER VEGETATIONSPERIODE]**

A. Kadro /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 439-448 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Reflection measurements made in the 400 to 1100 nm region with a radiometer are discussed. The highly maneuverable apparatus developed to maintain the radiometer at a height of 17 meters while allowing measurements to be carried out at various angles is described. Investigations, performed on different dates, established typical qualitative and quantitative differences between reflection factor curves corresponding to the different regions studied. Author (ESA)

**N80-12523\*** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

**SOIL MOISTURE AND HEAT BUDGET EVALUATION IN SELECTED EUROPEAN ZONES OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST Progress Report, 1 Apr. - 31 Aug. 1979**

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**N80-12525\*** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

**JOINT FLIGHT EXPERIMENT UK/1977. REPORT NO. 1: PLANNING AND EXECUTION**

P. Reiniger, Principal Investigator Feb. 1977 22 p Sponsored by NASA ERTS (Proj. TELLUS)

(E80-10022; NASA-CR-162394) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 05B

**N80-12526\*** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

**TELLUS: A COMBINED SURFACE TEMPERATURE, SOIL MOISTURE AND EVAPORATION MAPPING APPROACH**

A. Rosema (EARS, Delft, Netherlands), J. H. Bijleveld (EARS, Delft, Netherlands), P. Reiniger, G. Tassone, K. Blyth (Inst. of Hydrology, Wallingford, England), and R. J. Gurney, Principal Investigators (Inst. of Hydrology, Wallingford, England) 1978 11 p refs Presented at 12th Intern. Symp. on Remote Sensing of Environment, 20-26 Apr. 1978; sponsored by ERIM, Natural Resources Management Center, Philippines, Michigan Univ., AID, Geological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, NASA, DOE, FHA, Dept. of Interior, DOT, NOAA, TVA, GE Co., Daedalus Enterprises, Inc., Bendix Corp., Taiwan Forestry Bureau and NAC, Inc., Tokyo Sponsored by NASA ERTS

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**N80-12528\*** Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind. Lab. for Applications of Remote Sensing.

**FOREST RESOURCE INFORMATION SYSTEM, PHASE 3 Quarterly Report, 1 Apr. - 30 Jun. 1979**

R. P. Mroczynski, Principal Investigator 30 Jun. 1979 29 p EREP

(Contract NAS9-15325) (E80-10026; NASA-CR-160346; LARS-063079) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 02F

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**N80-12529\*#** Environmental Research Inst. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

### **A STUDY OF THE TOLERANCE BLOCK APPROACH TO SPECIAL STRATIFICATION** Technical Report, 15 Dec. 1978 - 15 Jun. 1979

W. Richardson, Principal Investigator Aug. 1979 60 p refs EREP

(Contract NAS9-15476)

(E80-10027; NASA-CR-160351; ERIM-132400-25-R) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 13B

The author has identified the following significant results. Twelve winter wheat LACIE segments in Kansas were used to compare the performance of three clustering methods: (1) BCLUST, which uses a spectral distance function to accumulate clusters; (2) blocks-alone, which divides spectral space into equally populated blocks; and (3) block-seeds, which uses spectral means of blocks-alone as seeds for accumulating distance-type clusters. Both BCLUST and block-seeds performed equally well and outperformed blocks-alone significantly. Their average variance ratio of about 0.5 showed imperfect separation of wheat from non-wheat. This result points to the need to explore the achievable crop separability in the spectral/temporal domain, and suggest evaluating derived features rather than data channels as a means to achieve purer spectral strata.

**N80-12531\*#** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

### **TELLUS NEWSLETTER 1**

P. Reiniger, Principal Investigator Oct. 1978 8 p In ENGLISH and FRENCH Sponsored by NASA Original contains color imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

(Proj. TELLUS)

(E80-10029; NASA-CR-162397) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08F

**N80-12532\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

### **THE RELATIONSHIP OF RED AND PHOTOGRAPHIC INFRARED SPECTRAL DATA TO GRAIN YIELD VARIATION WITHIN A WINTER WHEAT FIELD**

C. J. Tucker, Brent N. Holben, James H. Elgin, Jr. (Beltsville Agricultural Res. Center, Md.), and James E. McMurtrey, III (Beltsville Agricultural Res. Center, Md.) Jul. 1979 26 p refs Submitted for publication

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Two band hand-held radiometer data from a winter wheat field, collected on 21 dates during the spring growing season, were correlated within field final grain yield. Significant linear relationships were found between various combinations of the red and photographic infrared radiance data collected and the grain yield. The spectral data explained approximately 64 percent of the within field grain yield variation. This variation in grain yield could not be explained using meteorological data as these were similar for all areas of the wheat field. Most importantly, data collected early in the spring were highly correlated with grain yield, a five week time window existed from stem elongation through antheses in which the spectral data were most highly correlated with grain yield, and manifestations of wheat canopy water stress were readily apparent in the spectral data. Author

**N80-13588\*#** Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind. Lab. for Applications of Remote Sensing.

### **DIGITAL PROCESSING OF LANDSAT MSS AND TOPOGRAPHIC DATA TO IMPROVE CAPABILITIES FOR COMPUTERIZED MAPPING OF FOREST COVER TYPES** Quarterly Progress Report, 16 Apr. - 15 Jul. 1979

Roger M. Hoffer, Principal Investigator Jul. 1979 8 p EREP (Contract NAS9-15508)

(E80-10009; NASA-CR-160312; LARS-071579) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08B

**N80-13589\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

### **LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE). EXPERIMENT PLAN FOR EVALUATION OF LANDSAT AGRONOMIC VARIABLES USING WHEAT INTENSIVE TEST SITES**

D. E. Phinney, Principal Investigator Aug. 1979 27 p refs Sponsored by NASA, NOAA, and USDA EREP

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**N80-13590\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

### **LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE). EVALUATION OF THE LACIE TRANSITION YEAR CROP CALENDAR MODEL**

R. E. Cheffin and S. K. Woolley, Principal Investigators Jul. 1979 22 p refs Sponsored by NASA, NOAA, and USDA EREP

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(E80-10011; NASA-CR-160314; JSC-16019; LEC-13482) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The author has identified the following significant results. The estimates of developmental stage dates from the LACIE adjustable crop calendar (ACC) winter wheat model was somewhat more accurate than the historical crop calendar after jointing. The ACC winter wheat model was not so accurate for the Texas Panhandle as it was for the other areas of the USPG-7 because dry soil conditions delayed fall planting in the Panhandle. Since the LACIE ACC winter wheat model does not contain a moisture term and it was started with historical planting dates, lengthy delays in planting mean that the ACC model will probably be started early and will estimate the developmental growth stages to occur too early in the season. The LACIE ACC spring wheat model was also started early in most areas because of late planting due to fields wet from melting snow and rain. The starter model used to estimate spring planting dates was not accurate under these wet soil conditions and tended to predict the developmental stages to occur earlier than the dates observed in the fields.

**N80-13591\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

### **LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE). LIST SPECTRAL KEYS STUDY**

T. B. Dennis and M. D. Pore, Principal Investigators Aug. 1979 19 p refs Sponsored by NASA, NOAA, and USDA EREP

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(E80-10012; NASA-CR-160338; JSC-15042; LEC-13456) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08F

**N80-13593\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

### **LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE). PHASE 3 DIRECT WHEAT STUDY OF NORTH DAKOTA**

M. C. Kinsler, J. D. Nichols, and A. L. Ona, Principal Investigators Apr. 1979 158 p refs Sponsored by NASA, NOAA, and USDA EREP

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(E80-10014; NASA-CR-160340; JSC-14744; LEC-12980) Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The author has identified the following significant results. The green number and brightness scatter plots, channel plots of radiance values, and visual study of the imagery indicate separability between barley and spring wheat/oats during the wheat mid-heading to mid-ripe stages. In the LACIE Phase 3 North Dakota data set, the separation time is more specifically the wheat soft dough stage. At this time, the barley is ripening, and is therefore, less green and brighter than the wheat. Only 4 of the 18 segments studied indicate separation of barley/other spring small grain, even though 11 of the segments have acquisitions covering the wheat soft dough stage. The remaining

seven segments had less than 5 percent barley based on ground truth data.

**N80-13594\*** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

**LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE). PHASE 3 LABELING ERROR CHARACTERIZATION Final Report**

N. James Clinton, Principal Investigator Mar. 1979 77 p refs Sponsored by NASA, NOAA, and USDA EREP (Contract NAS9-15800) (E80-10015; NASA-CR-160341; JSC-14745; LEC-13012) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 02C

**N80-13595\*** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

**LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE). A REVISED SCREENING PROCEDURE FOR LACIE PHASE 3 DATA IN THE US GREAT PLAINS**

R. S. Chhikara, Principal Investigator Aug. 1979 9 p refs Sponsored by NASA, NOAA, and USDA EREP (Contract NAS9-15800) (E80-10016; NASA-CR-160313; JSC-14852; LEC-12723) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The author has identified the following significant results. The screening procedure resulted in a substantial decrease in the official LACIE winter acreage estimate, bringing the two estimates into better agreement with corresponding USDA/ESCS estimates.

**N80-13597\*** Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Paris (France).

**ESTIMATES OF REGIONAL ET FROM HCMM DATA: SUMMARY OF 1977 EXPERIMENT AND FINAL ARRANGEMENT FOR 1978 IN SOUTHEASTERN FRANCE TEST SITE**

Bernard Seguin, Principal Investigator [1979] 29 p refs Sponsored by NASA ERTS (E80-10018; NASA-CR-162390) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 05B

**N80-13598\*** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

**SOIL MOISTURE AND HEAT BUDGET EVALUATION IN SELECTED EUROPEAN ZONES OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST Progress Report, 1 Apr. - 31 Aug. 1979**

1978 50 p refs Sponsored by NASA ERTS (Proj. TELLUS) (E80-10019; NASA-CR-162391; PR-1) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08M

**N80-13599\*** Institute of Hydrology, Wallingford (England). **THE ESTIMATION OF SOIL MOISTURE CONTENT AND ACTUAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION USING THERMAL INFRA-RED REMOTE SENSING**

R. J. Gurney, Principal Investigator 1978 20 p refs Sponsored by NASA ERTS (Proj. TELLUS) (E80-10021; NASA-CR-162393) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08M

**N80-13600\*** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy). **BEAUCE TELLUS PROJECT [CAMPAGNE TELLUS BEAUCE]**

30 Sep. 1977 21 p In FRENCH Sponsored by NASA ERTS (E80-10024; NASA-CR-162396) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 05B

**N80-13616\*** Instituut voor Cultuurtechniek en Waterhuishouding, Wageningen (Netherlands).

**ESTIMATION OF REGIONAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS USING REMOTELY SENSED CROP SURFACE TEMPERATURES**

G. J. R. Soer Sep. 1977 31 p refs (Rept-1003) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01

The application of thermal infrared scanning to the measurement of aerial heat and water budgets of crop lands is considered. Emphasis is placed on obtaining regional evapotranspiration estimates, making water balance analyses for large areas more feasible. Also, crop production as correlated with the actual crop transpiration rate can be estimated. J.M.S.

**N80-14424** State Univ. of New York Coll. of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse.

**THE MAPPING OF IMPORTANT FARMLAND USING REMOTE SENSOR AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC VARIABLES Ph.D. Thesis**

Jon Laurence Roberts 1979 233 p Avail: Univ. Microfilms Order No. 7920317

A comprehensive digital data base of physical (land use) and socio-economic (zoning, agricultural districts, rental/ownership patterns) factors important to farming was created. LANDSAT land use data was collected over the Ontario County, New York study area and grouped into agriculture and forest classes. The socio-economic data was converted to an image-based format by causing the outlines of zones and districts to be digitized and filled in with pixels of a certain grey level. These images are then stored to create the data base. An accuracy check was made on the LANDSAT data using a color infrared U-2 image of the study area. A spectral land use classification was also performed using digitized U-2 data. LANDSAT classification accuracy is 64% correct for the forest class. U-2 classification accuracy is 82% correct for the forest class. Dissert. Abstr.

**N80-14425\*** Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

**FORESTER'S GUIDE TO AERIAL PHOTO INTERPRETATION Agriculture Handbook no. 308**

Thomas Eugene Avery Nov. 1978 47 p refs Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01

A practical reference on techniques of aerial photo interpretation in forest inventory is provided. While oblique photographs are occasionally useful for interpretation, this manual emphasizes stereoscopic interpretation of vertical aerial photographs available from various agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A.R.H.

**N80-14440\*** European Space Agency, Paris (France).

**SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING: APPLICATIONS IN AGROCLIMATOLOGY AND AGROMETEOROLOGY**

Eric C. Barrett, ed. (Bristol Univ.) 1979 177 p refs Proc. of lectures of Joint ESA/Food and Agr. of UN/WMO Intern. Training Course, Rome, 2-13 Oct. 1978 (ESA-SP-1020; ISSN-0379-6566) Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The principles and potentials of satellite remote sensing as applied to agroclimatological and agrometeorological techniques are considered. Major subjects of discussion include the theory behind remote sensing instrumentation and the interpretation of satellite observations. Various remote sensing programs are covered, such as the Earthnet program and the Agro-Ecological Zones Project. Also presented are numerous mathematical models which can be readily used with inputs of satellite imagery data.

**N80-14441\*** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome (Italy). Plant Production and Protection Div. **OVERVIEW OF AGROMETEOROLOGY**

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Michel Frere *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 3-7

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

Agrometeorology, a branch of science which aims at using meteorological information to develop quantitatively and improve qualitatively the products of agriculture by taking maximum advantage of the favorable aspects of climate and minimizing the harmful effects of weather, is reviewed. Strategic aspects of agrometeorology, affecting long term planning of agriculture when envisaging agricultural projects or crop diversification in a given area, are considered. Tactical aspects of agrometeorology, concerning the short term influences of day to day weather on the development of crops and the evolution of their yield, are also discussed. Emphasis is placed on the interdisciplinary aspect of agrometeorology.

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### OVERVIEW OF REMOTE SENSING FOR AGRICLIMATOLOGY AND AGROMETEOROLOGY

John A. Howard *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 8-13

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The evolution of civilian applications of satellite remote sensing is reviewed. Emphasis is on the greater availability of sensing equipment and the application of more readily obtainable data to agrometeorology as well as to agroclimatology. A forward look into the development of satellite remote sensing is offered, considering Earth resources satellites and environmental satellites. It is shown that good data on land surfaces, ocean surfaces, clouds, and atmospheric composition are now at the disposition of researchers and that emphasis should be placed on improving the quality and uniformity of these data.

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### THE AGRO-ECOLOGICAL ZONES PROJECT

A. H. Kassam *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 32-33 refs

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An estimate is made of what the production of the world's arable lands must be to support the world population in the year 2000. Different crops with widely varying climatic and soil requirements as well as different levels of agricultural technology are reviewed in order to assess the real world food production potential. The eleven crops considered are pearl millet, sorghum, maize, rice, wheat, phaseolus bean, soybean, cassava, sweet potato, white potato, and cotton. Results include a generalized map of agroclimatic suitability for the various crops and a land suitability assessment.

Author (ESA)

**N80-14446#** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome (Italy). Remote Sensing Unit.

### REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO AGRICULTURE

J. A. Howard *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 36-42 ref

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The ways in which remote sensing can be used to assist in providing information useful to food production are considered. In this respect remote sensing for agricultural crop estimates is seen as one of the most important inputs. The diagnostic characteristics used in analyzing remote sensing imagery, whether airborne or obtained by an Earth resources satellite, are discussed. They are summarized according to the type of sensing being undertaken. The formulation of agricultural crop estimates is then shown.

Author (ESA)

**N80-14447#** Environmental Analysis and Remote Sensing, Delft (Netherlands).

### THE APPLICATION OF THERMAL INFRARED REMOTE SENSING DATA TO SOIL MOISTURE AND EVAPORATION DETERMINATION

I. A. Rosema *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 46-59 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The time and weather conditions that favor the extraction of information on soil moisture and evaporation from thermal imagery are discussed. Mathematical models of the relations in question are presented along with an algorithm for the interpretation of remotely sensed surface temperature imagery. Fields of application and the need for ground truth data are discussed. Application of the algorithm to crop irrigation is discussed.

J.M.S.

**N80-14450#** Land Resource Research Inst., Ottawa (Ontario). **CROP WEATHER MODELS: CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS**

W. Baier *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 88-93 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

Various crop-weather analysis models are presented in order to illustrate the role of agrometeorology in scientific crop development. Those models presented include factorial yield models, empirical statistical yield models, and associated sub-models used in crop growth simulation studies. The separation of technological change from meteorological variability is then treated. An example showing time trends and weather variables in a multiple curvilinear regression analysis performed on data taken on the state of Illinois is cited. Finally, possible applications of crop-weather models are briefly assessed.

Author (ESA)

**N80-14451#** Joint Research Centre of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

### AGROCLIMATOLOGICAL METHODS INVOLVING REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES

G. Fayssie *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 94-115 refs

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The application of remote sensing techniques to agrometeorology and crop monitoring is considered with emphasis on improving the agricultural productivity of developing countries. The data requirements for crop monitoring and yield forecasting models are discussed. The performance of Earth observation satellites and the advantages of the data collecting systems of the satellites are given.

J.M.S.

**N80-14452#** Bristol Univ. (England). Climatology and Remote Sensing.

### CROP ENVIRONMENT MONITORING: THE REMOTE SENSING SYSTEMS

E. C. Barrett *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 116-120 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

Aircraft and LANDSAT imagery are evaluated for their usefulness in environmental monitoring programs. The favorable and unfavorable characteristics of weather satellite operations in this application are then outlined. A list of weather satellite systems which could contribute to crop environment monitoring is also given. Finally, the participation of weather satellites in international and national monitoring programs is reviewed.

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### CROP ENVIRONMENT MONITORING: THE ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PHENOMENA USING SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING DATA

E. C. Barrett *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 127-142 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The extension of agrometeorological statistics through the use of satellite data is examined. The environmental parameters or phenomena considered, ranked after the present utility and/or



practicality of satellite remote sensing as an aid in their assessment, are: (1) rainfall, (2) temperature, (3) weather type and variability, and (4) cloud cover (radiation balance). For convenience, a differentiation is made between the atmospheric and pedologic environments of crops. In the first case the emphasis is on the utilization of weather satellite data for the extension of selected conventional meteorological statistics, the available in situ data are used as air or ground truth for the preparation, in effect, of meteorological trend surfaces upon which detail may be embroidered from satellite observations after these have been compared with, and calibrated by, the conventional data. In the second case there is a similar association of conventional and satellite soil intelligence, though in this case techniques to interdigitate the two have been less fully developed.

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**CROP MONITORING AND PREDICTION USING SATELLITE DATA**

E. C. Barrett /In ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 149-156 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

Analysis techniques used in making estimates of biomass (usually of natural or seminatural vegetation, especially in areas exploited for grazing) and in forecasting expected crop production (usually cultivated cereal crops) are studied. The use of LANDSAT spectral reflectance curves as prediction model inputs is emphasized. The use of statistical methods, agroclimatological methods, agrometeorological methods with crop prediction models is then considered. Results show clear advantages in the use of satellite data inputs for the monitoring of crops and in making harvest predictions. It is recommended that global schemes, based on these results, be initiated at least for certain crops in the near future in order to optimize agricultural resources.

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**SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING IN HAZARD MONITORING AND DISASTER EVALUATION**

E. C. Barrett /In ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 157-163 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The potential applicability of satellite remote sensing to short term disaster monitoring is discussed. Emphasis is on different types of agricultural disasters, such as drought, high-intensity short-period rainfall and subsequent flooding as well as hurricanes or monsoons. It is shown that remote sensing can also be of assistance in the assessment of the areas, and therefore, the volumes and values of the crops involved. Finally, the use of satellite data as a check against qualitative data from other sources, especially for countries with an inadequate conventional network for the observation and reporting of environmental conditions, is suggested.

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**SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING FOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISORIES AND PLANNING**

E. C. Barrett /In ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 164-165

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How an input of remote sensing data might be achieved to improve agroclimatological and related services in the various countries which stand to benefit from this technology is considered. Problems which commonly arise in the face of the implementation of new technologies are discussed. In spite of the individuals and organizations which would be interested in remote sensing data (farmers, farming communities, commercial firms, political organizations, humanitarian agencies), significant problems are

foreseen in the widespread acceptance of remote sensing technology.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF TECHNICAL SESSIONS, VOLUMES 1 AND 2: THE LACIE SYMPOSIUM**

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The technical design of the Large Area Crop Inventory Experiment is examined and data acquired over 3 global crop years is analyzed with respect to (1) sampling and aggregation; (2) growth size estimation; (3) classification and mensuration; (4) yield estimation; and (5) accuracy assessment. Seventy-nine papers delivered at conference sessions cover system implementation and operation; data processing systems; experiment results and accuracy; supporting research and technology; and the USDA application test system.

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**SAMPLING, AGGREGATION, AND VARIANCE ESTIMATION FOR AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN LACIE**

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An approximately 2% sampling error was achieved in LACIE by sampling only approximately 2% of the sampling frame. The sample design in the yardstick region for which historical data were available down to a substratum level to support missing data resulting from cloud cover provided the most accurate estimate possible. The implemented strategy provided data of sufficient quality and quantity to support required performance levels and also to satisfy the existing constraints. The allocation scheme appeared to provide the most efficient usage of the available data and gave segment coverage of major producing areas and thus improved the probability of an accurate estimate.

Author

**N80-15450\*#** Department of Agriculture, Columbia, Md. **ECONOMETRIC MODELS FOR PREDICTING CONFUSION CROP RATIOS**

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Results for both the United States and Canada show that econometric models can provide estimates of confusion crop ratios that are more accurate than historical ratios. Whether these models can support the LACIE 90/90 accuracy criterion is uncertain. In the United States, experimenting with additional model formulations could provide improved methods models in some CRD's, particularly in winter wheat. Improved models may also be possible for the Canadian CD's. The more aggressive province/state models outperformed individual CD/CRD models. This result was expected partly because acreage statistics are based on sampling procedures, and the sampling precision declines from the province/state to the CD/CRD level. Declining sampling precision and the need to substitute province/state data for the CD/CRD data introduced measurement error into the CD/CRD models.

A.R.H.

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**LACIE SAMPLING DESIGN**

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The sampling design in LACIE consisted of two major components, one for wheat acreage estimation and one for wheat yield prediction. The acreage design was basically a classical survey for which the sampling unit was a 5- by 6-nautical mile segment; however, there were complications caused by measurement errors and loss of data. Yield was predicted by sampling meteorological data from weather stations within a region and then using those data as input to previously fitted regression equations. Wheat production was not estimated directly, but was computed by multiplying yield and acreage estimates. The allocation of samples to countries is discussed as well as the allocation and selection of segments in strata/substrata. A.R.H.

### **N80-15452\*# Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. LACIE AREA SAMPLING FRAME AND SAMPLE SELECTION**

C. J. Liszcz, Principal Investigator /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 53-56 ERTS

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Transparent acetate overlays containing agricultural boundaries within each of the LACIE countries were prepared and registered to operational navigation charts (ONC's). Full frame LANDSAT color-infrared images of the same scale as the ONC's (1:1 million) were used to identify agricultural boundaries based on discernible agricultural field patterns. Preliminary steps taken in the preparation of the base map overlay, and the construction of an overlay of the base map physical features are described as well as the construction of the agricultural and nonagricultural delineation overlay. A.R.H.

### **N80-15453\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.**

#### **LACIE LARGE AREA ACREAGE ESTIMATION**

R. S. Chhikara (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) and A. H. Feiveson, Principal Investigators /In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 57-65 refs ERTS

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A sample wheat acreage for a large area is obtained by multiplying its small grains acreage estimate as computed by the classification and mensuration subsystem by the best available ratio of wheat to small grains acreages obtained from historical data. In the United States, as in other countries with detailed historical data, an additional level of aggregation was required because sample allocation was made at the substratum level. The essential features of the estimation procedure for LACIE countries are included along with procedures for estimating wheat acreage in the United States. A.R.H.

### **N80-15454\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.**

#### **LARGE AREA AGGREGATION AND MEAN-SQUARED PREDICTION ERROR ESTIMATION FOR LACIE YIELD AND PRODUCTION FORECASTS**

R. S. Chhikara (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) and A. H. Feiveson, Principal Investigator /In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 67-71 ref ERTS

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Aggregation formulas are given for production estimation of a crop type for a zone, a region, and a country, and methods for estimating yield prediction errors for the three areas are described. A procedure is included for obtaining a combined yield prediction and its mean-squared error estimate for a mixed wheat pseudozone. A.R.H.

### **N80-15455\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.**

#### **CLASSIFICATION AND MENSURATION OF LACIE SEGMENTS**

R. P. Heydorn, R. M. Bizzell, J. A. Quirein (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), K. M. Abotteen (Lockheed Electronics Co.,

Houston, Tex.), and C. A. Sumner, Principal Investigators (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) /In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 73-86 refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

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The theory of classification methods and the functional steps in the manual training process used in the three phases of LACIE are discussed. The major problems that arose in using a procedure for manually training a classifier and a method of machine classification are discussed to reveal the motivation that led to a redesign for the third LACIE phase. A.R.H.

### **N80-15456\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.**

#### **LACIE REGISTRATION PROCESSING**

Gerald J. Grebowsky, Principal Investigator /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 87-97 refs ERTS

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The basic requirements for the LACIE processing system are to extract specified test sites (sample segments) from LANDSAT MSS data, and to apply geometric corrections and perform correlations to ensure registration between successive data acquisitions to within 1 pixel (root mean square). The general flow within the LACIE processing system is described with emphasis on (1) determination of line and pixel location of a search area within an MSS frame; (2) determination of the geometric correction coefficient and the application of geometric corrections; (3) edge detection; and (4) correlation by coincidence of edges. A.R.H.

### **N80-15457\*# Environmental Data and Information Service, Washington, D. C.**

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF LACIE CCEA-1 WEATHER/WHEAT YIELD MODELS**

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The advantages and disadvantages of the casual (phenological, dynamic, physiological), statistical regression, and analog approaches to modeling for grain yield are examined. Given LACIE's primary goal of estimating wheat production for the large areas of eight major wheat-growing regions, the statistical regression approach of correlating historical yield and climate data offered the Center for Climatic and Environmental Assessment the greatest potential return within the constraints of time and data sources. The basic equation for the first generation wheat-yield model is given. Topics discussed include truncation, trend variable, selection of weather variables, episodic events, strata selection, operational data flow, weighting, and model results. A.R.H.

### **N80-15458\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.**

#### **GROWTH STAGE ESTIMATION**

V. S. Whitehead, D. E. Phinney (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), and W. E. Crea, Principal Investigators /In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 109-114 refs ERTS

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Of the three candidate approaches to adjustment of the crop calendar to account for year-to-year weather differences, the Robertson triquadratic unit, a function of a nonlinear function of maximum and minimum temperature and day length, best described the rate of phenological development of wheat. The adjustable crop calendar (ACC) as implemented for LACIE is used to calculate the daily increment of development through

six physiological stages of growth. Topics covered include dormancy modeling, the spring restart model, spring wheat starter model, winter starter model, winter wheat starter model, inclusion of the moisture variable, and display of crop stage estimation results. Assessment of the ACC accuracy over the period of LACIE operation indicates that the adjustable crop calendars used provided more accurate information than would have been available using historical norms. The models performed best under the conditions from which they were derived (Canadian spring wheat) and most poorly for the dwarf varieties and Southern Hemisphere applications. A.R.H.

**N80-15459\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

**ACCURACY ASSESSMENT: THE STATISTICAL APPROACH TO PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IN LACIE**

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A statistical methodology was developed to check the accuracy of the products of the experimental operations throughout crop growth and to determine whether the procedures are adequate to accomplish the desired accuracy and reliability goals. It has allowed the identification and isolation of key problems in wheat area yield estimation, some of which have been corrected and some of which remain to be resolved. The major unresolved problem in accuracy assessment is that of precisely estimating the bias of the LACIE production estimator. Topics covered include: (1) evaluation techniques; (2) variance and bias estimation for the wheat production estimate; (3) the 90/90 evaluation; (4) comparison of the LACIE estimate with reference standards; and (5) first and second order error source investigations. A.R.H.

**N80-15460\*** California Univ. at Berkeley.

**MANUAL INTERPRETATION OF LANDSAT DATA**

C. M. Hay, Principal Investigator *In NASA, Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 131-146 refs* Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

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The task of the analyst throughout LACIE phases 1 and 2 consisted of outlining representative areas (fields) for all spectral classes within a segment on the basis of their appearance on the LANDSAT image products, and then labeling the crop type (wheat/nonwheat) within the selected training areas. For LACIE phase 3, a procedure was developed and implemented which incorporated clustering for spectral class definition and training statistics generation. The only analyst's task was crop type identification. The logical processes involved in interpretation are described, rather than a step-by-step description of analyst procedures. A.R.H.

**N80-15461\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

**ACQUISITION AND PREPROCESSING OF LANDSAT DATA**

T. N. Horn (GE Space Div., Beltsville, Md.), L. E. Brown, and W. H. Anonsen, Principal Investigators *In NASA, Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 147-155 refs ERTS*

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The original configuration of the GSFC data acquisition, preprocessing, and transmission subsystem, designed to provide LANDSAT data inputs to the LACIE system at JSC, is described. Enhancements made to support LANDSAT -2, and modifications for LANDSAT -3 are discussed. Registration performance throughout the 3 year period of LACIE operations satisfied the 1 pixel root-mean-square requirements established in 1974, with more than two of every three attempts at data registration proving successful, notwithstanding cosmetic faults or content inadequacies to which the process is inherently susceptible. The

cloud/snow rejection rate experienced throughout the last 3 years has approached 50%, as expected in most LANDSAT data use situations. A.R.H.

**N80-15462\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

**ANCILLARY DATA ACQUISITION FOR LACIE**

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The design, implementation, and operational functions of the three phases of LACIE supported the data needs of all other elements of the project and required several types of data in addition to LANDSAT multispectral digital data. The nonelectronic data base consisted of statistical data, printed reports, periodicals, ground observed data received from intensive test sites and operational segments, and full-frame multispectral scanner CIR photographs. The following data were collected for the test sites in the United States and Canada: land use inventories, periodic crop observations, solar radiometer measurements, rainfall, and wheat yield for selected fields. A.R.H.

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**LACIE DATA HANDLING TECHNIQUES**

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Techniques implemented to facilitate processing of LANDSAT multispectral data between 1975 and 1978 are described. The data that were handled during the large area crop inventory experiment and the storage mechanisms used for the various types of data are defined. The overall data flow, from the placing of the LANDSAT orders through the actual analysis of the data set, is discussed. An overview is provided of the status and tracking system that was developed and of the data base maintenance and operational task. The archiving of the LACIE data is explained. Author

**N80-15464\*** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. **THE ACQUISITION, STORAGE, AND DISSEMINATION OF LANDSAT AND OTHER LACIE SUPPORT DATA**

L. F. Abbotts and R. M. Nelson, Principal Investigators *In NASA, Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 169-177 ERTS*

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Activities performed at the LACIE physical data library are described. These include the researching, acquisition, indexing, maintenance, distribution, tracking, and control of LACIE operational data and documents. Much of the data available can be incorporated into an Earth resources data base. Elements of the data collection that can support future remote sensing programs include: (1) the LANDSAT full-frame image files; (2) the microfilm file of aerial and space photographic and multispectral maps and charts that encompasses a large portion of the Earth's surface; (3) the map/chart collection that includes various scale maps and charts for a good portion of the U.S. and the LACIE area in foreign countries; (4) computer-compatible tapes of good quality LANDSAT scenes; (5) basic remote sensing data, project data, reference material, and associated publications; (6) visual aids to support presentation on remote sensing projects; and (7) research acquisition and handling procedures for managing data. A.R.H.

**N80-15465\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

**THE CLASSIFICATION AND MENSURATION SUBSYSTEM**

K. M. Abotteen (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) and R. M. Bizzell, Principal Investigators *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 179-201 refs* Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

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From an operational standpoint, the most significant item the classification and mensuration subsystem (CAMS) had to overcome in providing the acreage component of the wheat production estimates for LACIE was the scope (segment volume processing required). Peak processing requirements per day increased from 16 to 20 for phase 1 with 700 total segments, to 35 to 40 per day for phase 2 with 1700 total segments, to 75 to 80 per day for phase 3 with 3000 total segments. Key issues regarding interrelationships between man and machines were identified during phase 1 using first generation technology. Procedure 1, tested and evaluated during phase 2 and continued through the initial phase 3 processing period for winter wheat, showed the need for software modification, procedures development, and analyst training. CAMS operations are described with emphasis on the training backgrounds of the analysts, the available data, and the labeling logic. A.R.H.

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### CONCEPTS LEADING TO THE IMAGE-100 HYBRID INTERACTIVE SYSTEM

T. F. Mackin and J. M. Sulester, Principal Investigators *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 203-209 ERTS

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As LACIE Procedure 1 evolved from the Classification and Mensuration Subsystem smallfields procedures, it became evident that two computational systems would have merit—the LACIE/Earth Resources Interactive Processing System based on a large IBM-360 computer oriented for operational use with high computational throughput, and a smaller, highly interactive system based on a PDP 11-45 minicomputer and its display system, the IMAGE-100. The latter had advantages for certain phases; notably, interactive spectral aids could be implemented quite rapidly. This would allow testing and development of Procedure 1 before its implementation on the LACIE/Earth Resources Interactive Processing System. The resulting minicomputer system, called the Classification and Mensuration Subsystem IMAGE-100 Hybrid System, allowed Procedure-1 operations to be performed interactively, except for clustering, classification, and automatic selection of best acquisitions, which were offloaded to the LACIE/Earth Resources Interactive Processing System. Author

### N80-15467\*# Department of Agriculture, Houston, Tex. USDA ANALYST REVIEW OF THE LACIE IMAGE-100 HYBRID SYSTEM TEST

P. Ashburn, K. Buelow, H. L. Hansen (USDA Soil Conservation Service, Houston, Tex.), and G. A. May, Principal Investigators (USDA Economics, Statistics, and Cooperatives Service, Houston, Tex.) *In* NASA, Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 211-215 ERTS

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Fifty operational segments from the U.S.S.R., 40 test segments from Canada, and 24 test segments from the United States were used to provide a wide range of geographic conditions for USDA analysts during a test to determine the effectiveness of labeling single pixel training fields (dots) using Procedure 1 on the 1-100 hybrid system, and clustering and classifying on the Earth Resources Interactive Processing System. The analysts had additional on-line capabilities such as interactive dot labeling, class or cluster map overlay flickers, and flashing of all dots of equal spectral value. Results on the 1-100 hybrid system are described and analyst problems and recommendations are discussed. A.R.H.

**N80-15468\*** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Houston, Tex.

### OPERATION OF THE YIELD ESTIMATION SUBSYSTEM

D. G. McCrary, J. L. Rogers (USDA Federal Crop Insurance Corp., Houston, Tex.), and J. D. Hill, Principal Investigators *In* NASA, Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 217-225 ERTS  
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The organization and products of the yield estimation subsystem (YES) are described with particular emphasis on meteorological data acquisition, yield estimation, crop calendars, weekly weather summaries, and project reports. During the three phases of LACIE, YES demonstrated that it is possible to use the flow of global meteorological data and provide valuable information regarding global wheat production. It was able to establish a capability to collect, in a timely manner, detailed weather data from all regions of the world, and to evaluate and convert that data into information appropriate to the project's needs. A.R.H.

**N80-15469\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

### THE CROP ASSESSMENT SUBSYSTEM: SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROACHES USED FOR THE GENERATION OF CROP PRODUCTION REPORTS

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The primary responsibility of the crop assessment subsystem (CAS) during the three phases of LACIE was to produce crop reports that included estimates of wheat area, yield, and production, as well as a specified set of associated statistical descriptors. The operations of CAS are described with emphasis on sampling strategy, input/output data, evolution of aggregation/reporting system capabilities, and CAS aggregation procedures. A.R.H.

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### LACIE STATUS AND TRACKING

V. M. Dauphin, C. H. Jeffress (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), and J. M. Everette, Principal Investigators *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 243-248 ERTS

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The operational requirements and development of a system designed to meet LACIE needs for data to be available at given stations simultaneously, to measure throughput rates, and perform efficiency analyses are described. The final automated status and tracking system (ASATS) is defined and problems encountered during its evolutionary process are discussed. A.R.H.

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### LACIE QUALITY ASSURANCE

G. L. Gutschewski, Principal Investigator *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 249-255 refs ERTS

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Topics covered include (1) development of the LACIE quality assurance program; (2) LACIE quality assurance responsibilities of all organizational elements; (3) internal quality assurance support; and (4) accomplishments. A.R.H.

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### ACCURACY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND OPERATION

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The accuracy and reliability of LACIE estimates of wheat production, area, and yield is determined at regular intervals

throughout the year by the accuracy assessment subsystem which also investigates the various LACIE error sources, quantifies the errors, and relates them to their causes. Timely feedback of these error evaluations to the LACIE project was the only mechanism by which improvements in the crop estimation system could be made during the short 3 year experiment. A.R.H.

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**LACIE APPLICATIONS EVALUATION SYSTEM EFFICIENCY REPORT**

Timothy T. White, Principal Investigator *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 281-288 ERTS*

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The scope of the three LACIE phases is discussed as well as the system efficiencies which had to be implemented to cope with the resulting LANDSAT data load. The methodologies used in system analysis, some of the specific data collected, and the inferences of these data and their implication on future systems are also discussed. A.R.H.

**N80-15474\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.

**CARTOGRAPHY: LACIE'S SPATIAL PROCESSOR**

M. L. Rader and R. R. Vela, Principal Investigators *In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 291-296 ref Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS*

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The spatial processing needs of LACIE include the location of agricultural test sites, and the registration of ground truth to LANDSAT imagery. The technological aspects of LACIE cartographic support, the need for cartography in satellite crop surveys, and proposed improvements which would enhance support of future programs are discussed. A.R.H.

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**THE LACIE DATA BASES: DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

L. E. Westberry, Principal Investigator *In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 297-306 refs ERTS*

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The implementation of direct access storage devices for LACIE is discussed with emphasis on the storage and retrieval of image data. Topics covered include the definition of the problem, the solution methodology (design decisions), the initial operational structure, and the modifications which were incorporated. Some conclusions and projections of future problems to be solved are also presented. A.R.H.

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**MAN-MACHINE INTERFACES IN LACIE/ERIPS**

Barbara B. Duprey, Principal Investigator *In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 307-315 refs ERTS*

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One of the most important aspects of the interactive portion of the LACIE/ERIPS software system is the way in which the analysis and decision-making capabilities of a human being are integrated with the speed and accuracy of a computer to produce a powerful analysis system. The three major man-machine interfaces in the system are (1) the use of menus for communications between the software and the interactive user; (2) the checkpoint/restart facility to recreate in one job the internal environment achieved in an earlier one; and (3) the error recovery capability which would normally cause job termination. This interactive system, which executes on an IBM 360/75 mainframe, was adapted for use in noninteractive (batch) mode. A case study is presented to show how the interfaces work in practice by defining some fields based on an image screen display, noting the field definitions, and obtaining a film product of the classification map. A.R.H.

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**LACIE/ERIPS SOFTWARE SYSTEM SUMMARY**

C. L. Johnson, Principal Investigator *In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 317-332 refs ERTS*

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The Earth resources interactive processing system (ERIPS) supports LACIE by classifying LANDSAT sensed data on the basis of the statistical similarity to those portions which were identified by analysts. The development and capabilities of the ERIPS software system are described with emphasis on (1) system requirements; (2) LACIE/ERIPS hardware; (3) system functions; (4) pattern recognition concept; and (5) LACIE/ERIPS data bases. Algorithms used in LACIE/ERIPS for statistics, divergence, feature selection, classification, registration, adaptive clustering, iterative clustering, clustering report functions, Sun angle correction, mean level adjustment, and bias correction are appended. A.R.H.

**N80-15479\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

**VERY HIGH SPEED PROCESSING: APPLICABILITY OF PERIPHERAL DEVICES TO PIXEL-DEPENDENT TASKS**

J. C. Lyon, Principal Investigator *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 345-354 refs ERTS*

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Early options studied in the satisfaction of LACIE implementation computational demands are described as well as the ultimate selection and development of an array processing solution to the problem. The economic justification, as a function of required LANDSAT analysis, is provided. The suitability of such processors for LACIE and other applications is discussed. A.R.H.

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**A LOOK AT COMPUTER SYSTEM SELECTION CRITERIA**

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There is no difficulty in identifying the criteria involved in the computer selection process; complexity arises in objectively evaluating various candidate configurations against the criteria, based on the user's specific needs. A model for formalizing the selection process consists of two major steps: verifying that the candidate configuration is adequate to the user's programming requirements, and determining an overall system evaluation rating based on cost, usability, adaptability, and availability. A 36 step instruction for computer sizing evaluation is included in the appendix along with a sample application of the configuration adequacy model. Selection criteria and the weighting process are also discussed. A.R.H.

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**COST AND PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF DATA SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS FOR PROCESSING REMOTELY SENSED DATA**

P. J. Gregor and J. F. Spitzer, Principal Investigators *In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 397-408 refs ERTS*

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Some alternative approaches to constructing a large remote-sensing data system are explored. The cost and performance implications of using a collection of 'small' computers versus using one large computer are examined. Several architectures and associated costs for the large data system supporting a single data center are presented. Recurring cost factors (maintenance and operations) currently slightly favor the single large-machine architecture, but other factors may dictate the choice of one of the two multimachine architectures discussed. A.R.H.

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### **THE LACIE CROP YEARS: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CROP CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED IN THE THREE YEARS OF LACIE**

J. D. Hill (NOAA Environmental Data and Information Service, Houston, Tex.) and D. R. Thompson, Principal Investigators *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 411-429* Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57198 ERTS

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Meteorological data and LANDSAT spectral data from growing regions in the U.S. Great Plains, the U.S.S.R., and Canada were used to assess growing conditions and to document where anomalies such as drought, floods, and freezes were impacting the crop yield and appearance of spring and winter wheat. In the United States, the weekly rainfall and temperature data were used to estimate soil moisture, which was then related to crop needs by a crop moisture index. The transformation of LANDSAT digital data into a green index number provided a procedure whereby data from a LACIE segment could be classified as drought affected or not. The growing seasons encountered in each LACIE country during the three phases are described.

A.R.H.

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### **APPLICATION OF LANDSAT DIGITAL DATA FOR MONITORING DROUGHT**

D. R. Thompson and O. A. Wehmanen, Principal Investigators (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 431-438 refs ERTS*

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A technique utilizing transformed LANDSAT digital data for detection of agricultural vegetative water stress was developed during the 1976 South Dakota drought, and expanded to the U.S. Great Plains the following year to evaluate its effectiveness in detecting and monitoring vegetative stress water stress over large areas. This technique, the green index number (GIN), indicated when the vegetation within a segment was undergoing stress. Segments were classified as either moisture-stressed or normal using remote sensing techniques combined with a knowledge of crop condition. The remote sensing-based information was compared to a weekly ground-based index (the crop moisture index) provided by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. The approaches used and the results from the GIN monitoring program are presented.

A.R.H.

**N80-15484\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

### **LACIE AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE CHARACTERISTICS: U.S. GREAT PLAINS**

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The accuracy and reliability of the LACIE design was tested using the nine states of the U.S. Great Plains where comparison data was available. The three phases of LACIE are discussed with respect to the scope; sampling; LANDSAT data; estimates of area, yield, and production; accuracy of the estimates; and technical issues related to each phase.

A.R.H.

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### **LACIE AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE CHARACTERISTICS: U.S.S.R.**

J. R. Hickman, Principal Investigator *In NASA Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 481-512 ref ERTS*

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No estimates were generated for the U.S.S.R. during LACIE phase 1. Phase 2 effort was limited to two indicator regions: winter wheat areas where 385 segments were allocated, and spring wheat areas with 362 allocated segments. The level of

activity for phase 3 was extended to the entire country which automatically increased the segment workload from 747 to 1947 segments. Production, area, and yield estimates, and their accuracy are discussed for phases 2 and 3 with emphasis on scope, sampling strategy, data base, LANDSAT data, yield analysis for winter and spring wheat, area and production analysis for winter and spring wheat, and technical issues and problems.

A.R.H.

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### **LACIE AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE CHARACTERISTICS: CANADA**

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Sampling segment allocation for Canada placed 283 segments within three provinces: Saskatchewan (170), Alberta (75), and Manitoba (38). The data base was comprised of five data sets: allocation, historical, ratio, LANDSAT, and yield. In-season area, yield, and production estimates were generated only during phase 2. These data are presented and analyzed.

A.R.H.

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### **ACCURACY AND PERFORMANCE OF LACIE AREA ESTIMATES**

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Results for the three crop years between 1974 and 1977 are presented in 25 tables for four regions of the U.S. Great Plains. Topics covered include error source analyses and special studies during each phase. Abnormal signature and boundary problems still under investigation are examined.

A.R.H.

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### **ACCURACY AND PERFORMANCE OF LACIE YIELD ESTIMATES IN MAJOR WHEAT PRODUCING REGIONS OF THE WORLD**

D. E. Phinney (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), R. G. Stuff, A. G. Houston, E. M. Hsu (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), and M. H. Trenchard, Principal Investigators (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 575-587 refs ERTS*

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The LACIE yield models developed, implemented, and tested during the three phases of the experiment represent the first generation of models designed for the large-scale prediction of wheat production. The models are capable of supporting the stated project goal of being within 10 percent of the actual wheat production 90 percent of the time. The limitations of the models are inherent in their nature. The temporal resolution limits their ability to handle the erratic weather occurring in critical situations. The relatively large spatial resolution of the individual models limits the capture of localized but important episodic events.

A.R.H.

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### **ACCURACY AND PERFORMANCE OF LACIE CROP DEVELOPMENT MODELS**

S. K. Woolley (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), V. S. Whitehead, R. G. Stuff, and W. E. Crea, Principal Investigators *In its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 589-604*

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Of the three principal phenological crop calendar models evaluated for LACIE, Robertson's triquadratic model which predicts the rate of progression of wheat through its biological development, was selected. Daily maximum and minimum temperatures and day length are the input variables, and the principal output is a daily increment of development through six physiological growth stages. Because wheat corresponds differently to the environment during each growth stage, five different equations are required. The estimated and observed crop development data were compared in order to establish a measure of confidence in the model and to identify consistent discrepancies that would adversely affect LACIE operation. Although the model provided reliable estimates for various wheat growing regions of the world, it was found that there are still areas in need of further model improvement or development. A.R.H.

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**ECONOMIC EVALUATION: CONCEPTS, SELECTED STUDIES, SYSTEM COSTS, AND A PROPOSED PROGRAM**

Frank H. Osterhoudt, Principal Investigator /in NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 605-616 refs ERTS

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The more usual approaches to valuing crop information are reviewed and an integrated approach is recommended. Problems associated with implementation are examined. What has already been accomplished in the economic evaluation of LACIE-type information is reported including various studies of benefits. The costs of the existing and proposed systems are considered. A method and approach is proposed for further studies. A.R.H.

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**METHODS FOR SEGMENT WHEAT AREA ESTIMATION**  
R. P. Heydorn, M. C. Trichel, and J. D. Erickson, Principal Investigators /in its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 621-632 ERTS

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The major research conducted during the three years of LACIE to solve problems associated with segment wheat area estimation is reviewed. Topics covered include proportion estimation, clustering, feature extraction, and signature extension. It would appear that LANDSAT-1 and LANDSAT-2 data do not contain enough information to discriminate between crop types perfectly all the time and, therefore, a basic problem arises when no ground truth data on crop types in the area are available. New approaches are needed to reduce labeling error. Perhaps better use of multiyear LANDSAT data, a more detailed understanding of the cropping practices in the area, better crop calendar prediction, and a better understanding of the limiting sources of error in LANDSAT data related to crop discrimination may provide the insight required to develop improved designs. A.R.H.

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**ESTIMATING CROP PROPORTIONS FROM REMOTELY SENSED DATA**  
A. H. Feiveson, Principal Investigator /in its Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 633-646 refs ERTS

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The classification/pixel-count method for estimating the proportion of wheat in each segment is theoretically biased even if all distributional assumptions are met. Alternative ways to estimate crop proportions are examined and their performance testing is considered. Topics covered include general linear functional estimates, the method of moments, and maximum likelihood estimators. A.R.H.

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**ON EVALUATING CLUSTERING PROCEDURES FOR USE IN CLASSIFICATION**

M. D. Pore, T. E. Moritz, D. T. Register, S. S. Yao, and W. G. Eppler, Principal Investigators /in NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 661-669 refs ERTS

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The problem of evaluating clustering algorithms and their respective computer programs for use in a preprocessing step for classification is addressed. In clustering for classification the probability of correct classification is suggested as the ultimate measure of accuracy on training data. A means of implementing this criterion and a measure of cluster purity are discussed. Examples are given. A procedure for cluster labeling that is based on cluster purity and sample size is presented. A.R.H.

**N80-15497\*#** Environmental Research Inst. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**FEATURE EXTRACTION APPLIED TO AGRICULTURAL CROPS AS SEEN BY LANDSAT**

R. J. Kauth, P. F. Lambeck, W. Richardson, G. S. Thomas, and A. P. Pentland, Principal Investigators /in NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 705-721 refs ERTS

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The physical interpretation of the spectral-temporal structure of LANDSAT data can be conveniently described in terms of a graphic descriptive model called the Tassled Cap. This model has been a source of development not only in crop-related feature extraction, but also for data screening and for haze effects correction. Following its qualitative description and an indication of its applications, the model is used to analyze several feature extraction algorithms. A.R.H.

**N80-15499\*#** California Univ. at Berkeley.  
**DEVELOPMENT OF PARTITIONING AS AN AID TO SPECTRAL SIGNATURE EXTENSION**

R. W. Thomas, C. M. Hay, and J. C. Claydon, Principal Investigators /in NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 739-755 refs ERTS

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Lists of spectrally similar LACIE sample segments may be constructed with the use of three basic information types: static, seasonal, and pass-specific variables. All are related directly or indirectly to spectral signature behavior and can be used to define spatial domains over which crop-specific signatures should be extendable. Topics covered include: (1) static spectral stratification; (2) evaluation of static partitions relative to variance control objectives; (3) evaluation of the relative importance of static versus seasonal and pass-specific partitioning variables in spectral variability; and (4) a current perspective on partitioning. A.R.H.

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**METHODS OF EXTENDING CROP SIGNATURES FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER**

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Efforts to develop a technology for signature extension during LACIE phases 1 and 2 are described. A number of haze and Sun angle correction procedures were developed and tested. These included the ROOSTER and OSCAR cluster-matching algorithms and their modifications, the MLEST and UHMLE maximum likelihood estimation procedures, and the ATCOR procedure. All these algorithms were tested on simulated data and consecutive-day LANDSAT imagery. The ATCOR, OSCAR,

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and MLEST algorithms were also tested for their capability to geographically extend signatures using LANDSAT imagery.

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### **SIGNATURE EXTENSION METHODS IN CROP AREA ESTIMATION**

R. J. Kauth and W. Richardson, Principal Investigators. *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 801-823 refs ERTS

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The Procedure B multispectral processing system is both multisegment and multistratum. It uses data from several LACIE-sized segments together and makes a proportion estimate for the entire group of segments as well as for the individual segments. In the clustering of data features, Procedure B produces multiple classes or strata rather than just two strata (as in Procedure 1), and performs stratified sampling on each of these multiple strata in order to make a proportion estimate. Tests results for the components and for the overall performance of Procedure B are presented, and conclusions that can be drawn from these tests are discussed. The rationale for signature extension for crop area estimation is summarized.

A.R.H.

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### **AN EVALUATION OF PROCEDURE 1**

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LACIE Procedure 1 has undergone continuous testing and evaluation, starting with analytical and experimental studies even before it was implemented in ERIPS software and continuing to the present with performance evaluations using blind-site data. The strengths and weaknesses of the procedure are indicated and some areas for possible improvement are identified. Results from three of the experiments performed and an evaluation of LACIE Procedure 1 proportion estimates for some blind-site segments are discussed.

A.R.H.

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### **THE VEGETATIVE INDEX NUMBER AND CROP IDENTIFICATION**

P. Ashburn, Principal Investigator. *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 843-855 refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57198 ERTS

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A vegetative index number of numerical value was calculated from the digital values of the LANDSAT system to provide some measure of green growing vegetation. The usefulness of the green numbers for schemes in crop identification and acreage estimation is investigated and the Ashburn vegetation index (AVI) is compared with the Kauth-Thomas vegetation index (KVI) for crop identification schemes. Results of wheat acreage estimation using LACIE Procedure 1 and the AVI for eight sample segments are given. Tables show comparisons between the AVI and the KVI as well as visual results of the AVI.

A.R.H.

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### **MANUAL LANDSAT DATA ANALYSIS FOR CROP TYPE IDENTIFICATION**

C. M. Hay, Principal Investigator. *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 857-866 ref ERTS

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The process of manual identification of crop type by human analysts and problems associated in LACIE that were associated with manual crop identification measurement procedures are described. Research undertaken in cooperation with LACIE operations by the supporting research community to effect solutions to, or obtain greater understanding of the problems is discussed.

A.R.H.

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### **LACIE ANALYST INTERPRETATION KEYS**

J. G. Baron, R. W. Payne, and W. F. Palmer, Principal Investigators. *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 867-886 ref Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57198 ERTS

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Two interpretation aids, 'The Image Analysis Guide for Wheat/Small Grains Inventories' and 'The United States and Canadian Great Plains Regional Keys', were developed during LACIE phase 2 and implemented during phase 3 in order to provide analysts with a better understanding of the expected ranges in color variation of signatures for individual biostages and of the temporal sequences of LANDSAT signatures. The keys were tested using operational LACIE data, and the results demonstrate that their use provides improved labeling accuracy in all analyst experience groupings, in all geographic areas within the U.S. Great Plains, and during all periods of crop development.

A.R.H.

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### **COLORIMETRIC CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPARENCIES FOR A TYPICAL LACIE SCENE**

R. D. Juday, Principal Investigator. *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 887-897 ERTS

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The production film converter used to produce LACIE imagery is described as well as schemes designed to provide the analyst with operational film products. Two of these products are discussed from the standpoint of color theory. Colorimetric terminology is defined and the mathematical calculations are given. Topics covered include (1) history of product 1 and 3 algorithm development; (2) colorimetric assumptions for product 1 and 3 algorithms; (3) qualitative results from a colorimetric analysis of a typical LACIE scene; and (4) image-to-image color stability.

A.R.H.

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### **GENERATION OF UNIFORM CHROMATICITY SCALE IMAGERY FROM LANDSAT DATA**

R. D. Juday, F. Johnson, R. A. Abotteen (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), and M. D. Pore, Principal Investigators (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.). *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 899-910 refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57198 ERTS

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An algorithm is presented for generating uniform chromaticity scale (UCS) imagery from multispectral data. A computer program was written to implement the algorithm, and UCS film products were generated. The colors in the film and their temporal change are consistent with those expected for the particular scaling of Krauth components into the (lab) color space. The film product was not subjected to the practical test of competing with previous transformations. Preliminary examination indicates that the product offers the following possibilities: (1) a single film product that will supplant two film products in current use; (2) improved visibility of data differences in regions in data space that are critical to crop identification; and (3) an analytic route to the determination of data-space transformations that will be optimal for particular discrimination problems.

A.R.H.



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**A PROGRAMMED LABELING APPROACH TO IMAGE INTERPRETATION**

M. D. Pore and R. A. Abotteen, Principal Investigators *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 923-935 refs ERTS

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Manual labeling techniques require the analyst-interpreter to use not only production film converter products but also agricultural and meteorological data and spectral aids in an integrated, judgmental fashion. To control an anticipated high variance in these techniques, a semiautomatic labeling technology was developed. The product of this technology is label identification from statistical tabulation (LIST) which operates from a discriminant basis and has the ability to measure the reliability of the label and to introduce an arbitrary bias. The development of LIST and its properties are described. Numerical results of an application are included and the evaluation of LIST is discussed.

A.R.H.

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**STATUS OF YIELD ESTIMATION TECHNOLOGY: A REVIEW OF SECOND-GENERATION MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**

R. G. Stuff, T. L. Barnett, G. O. Boatwright, D. E. Phinney (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.), and V. S. Whitehead, Principal Investigators *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 937-950 ERTS

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Multiple regression models were studied in order to determine their yield estimation capability for any arbitrary unit area and to obtain greater responsiveness and accuracy through the use of additional data sources applied at smaller spatial and temporal scales. It was concluded that data base inadequacy was the factor limiting performance in the models studied and that each of the models has more yield predicting capability than was reached during LACIE.

K.L.

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**A UNIVERSAL MODEL FOR ESTIMATING WHEAT YIELDS**

A. M. Feyerherm and G. M. Paulsen, Principal Investigators *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 951-959 refs ERTS

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A universal wheat yield model applicable to both fall- and spring-planted wheat was developed to show separate and joint effects of weather and culture on yields. Data from state experiment stations in a wide range of climates in the U.S. Great Plains were used to build basic relationships among yields, weather, and culture. The application of the model on a macroclimatic scale in the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and India is discussed along with potential improvements.

K.L.

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**THE LAW OF THE MINIMUM AND AN APPLICATION TO WHEAT YIELD ESTIMATION**

R. B. Cate, D. E. Phinney, and M. H. Trenchard, Principal Investigators *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 961-969 refs ERTS

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The adaptation of the law of the minimum (LOM) to wheat yield estimation is discussed. It is demonstrated through a trial application that the LOM concept is a valuable tool for model building when regression tools are inadequate.

K.L.

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**CCEA SECOND-GENERATION WHEAT YIELD MODEL FOR HARD RED WHEAT IN NORTH DAKOTA**

S. K. LeDuc, Principal Investigator *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 971-979 refs Presented at the Crop Modeling Workshop, Columbia, Mo., 3-5 Oct. 1977 ERTS

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The problem of estimating wheat yields for years with unusual planting dates and/or unusual phenological development is investigated. A yield model developed for hard red spring wheat in North Dakota using historical yields for crop reporting districts in conjunction with meteorological predictor variables based on weekly data is assessed.

K.L.

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**PREDICTION OF WHEAT PHENOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT: A STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEW**

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The merits and shortcomings of LACIE wheat development models are described. The effects of planting dates, spatial errors in the variables, and model forms on accuracy are discussed.

K.L.

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**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SAMPLING AND AGGREGATION FOR REMOTELY SENSED SURVEYS**

A. H. Feiveson, Principal Investigator *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 991-993 ERTS

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Sampling techniques used to construct large area crop estimates are briefly reviewed. Problem areas in sampling and aggregation are covered. The natural sampling strategy, two phase sampling, weighted aggregation, and multiyear estimation are among the topics discussed.

J.M.S.

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**NATURAL SAMPLING STRATEGY**

C. R. Hallum and J. P. Basu, Principal Investigators (Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.) *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 995-1013 refs ERTS

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A natural stratum-based sampling scheme and the aggregation procedures for estimating wheat area, yield, and production and their associated prediction error estimates are described. The methodology utilizes LANDSAT imagery and agrophysical data to permit an improved stratification in foreign areas by ignoring political boundaries and re-stratifying along boundaries that are more homogeneous with respect to the distribution of agricultural density, soil characteristics, and average climatic conditions. A summary of test results is given including a discussion of the various problems encountered.

J.M.S.

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**MULTIYEAR ESTIMATES FOR THE LACIE SAMPLING PLANS**

H. O. Hartley, Principal Investigator *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1015-1028 ERTS

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An approach that may be useful in improving the estimates of the wheat acreages for the LACIE countries for each year by using the short-time series of estimates made in the sequence of consecutive years is presented. A simple 'synthesis' based

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method of variance component estimation is described. A general theorem concerning weighted least squares, referred to as the Aiken method, is proved. J.M.S.

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### **WEIGHTED AGGREGATION**

A. H. Feiveson, Principal Investigator. *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1029-1036 ref ERTS

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The use of a weighted aggregation technique to improve the precision of the overall LACIE estimate is considered. The manner in which a weighted aggregation technique is implemented given a set of weights is described. The problem of variance estimation is discussed and the question of how to obtain the weights in an operational environment is addressed. J.M.S.

**N80-15519\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

### **DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, AND RESULTS OF LACIE FIELD RESEARCH**

M. E. Bauer (Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind.), M. C. McEwen, W. A. Malila (ERIM, Ann Arbor, Mich.), and J. C. Harlan, Principal Investigators (Texas A and M Univ., College Station) *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1037-1066 refs ERTS

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The capability to acquire, process, and interpret remotely sensed multispectral measurements of the energy reflected and emitted from crops, soils, and other Earth surface features is considered. The LACIE Field Measurements Project is described including project objectives, the experimental approach, the data acquisition program, and selected results based on field data. The key accomplishments and results of the experiment and recommendations for future field research are summarized. J.M.S.

**N80-15520\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

### **THE APPLICATION TEST SYSTEM: AN APPROACH TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

A. C. Aaronson (Dept. of Agriculture, Houston, Tex.), K. Buelow (Dept. of Agriculture, Houston, Tex.), F. C. David (Dept. of Agriculture, Houston, Tex.), R. L. Packard (Dept. of Agriculture, Houston, Tex.), and F. W. Ravet, Principal Investigators *In its* Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1069-1074 refs ERTS

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The latest satellite and computer processing and analysis technologies were tested and evaluated in terms of their application feasibility. Technologies evaluated include those developed, tested, and evaluated by the LACIE, as well as candidate technologies developed by the research community and private industry. The implementation of the applications test system and the technology transfer experience between the LACIE and the applications test system is discussed highlighting the approach, the achievements, and the shortcomings. J.M.S.

**N80-15521\*#** Department of Agriculture, Houston, Tex. **FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION AND DESIGN OF A USDA SYSTEM**

S. M. Evans, E. R. Dario, and G. L. Dickinson, Principal Investigators *In NASA*. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1075-1084 refs ERTS

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The fundamental definition and design of a U.S.D.A. system utilizing the LACIE technology available as of June 1976, is discussed. The organization and methods described are focused on LACIE technology in terms of its transfer for use applications. The simulation of a feasible system design provided timely answers to system design questions, such as the ability of a minicomputer to handle the proposed geometrical correction of MSS data. M.M.M.

**N80-15522\*#** Department of Agriculture, Houston, Tex. **DATA BASE DESIGN FOR A WORLDWIDE MULTICROP INFORMATION SYSTEM**

W. G. Driggers, J. M. Downs, J. R. Hickman, and R. L. Packard, Principal Investigators *In NASA*. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 (Jul. 1979 p 1085-1096 refs ERTS

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A description of the USDA Application Test System data base design approach and resources is presented. The data is described in detail by category, with emphasis on those characteristics which influenced the design most. It was concluded that the use of a generalized data base in support of crop assessment is a sound concept. The IDMS11 minicomputer base system is recommended for this purpose. M.M.M.

**N80-15523\*#** Ford Aerospace and Communications Corp., Houston, Tex.

### **THE APPLICATION TEST SYSTEM: TECHNICAL APPROACH AND SYSTEM DESIGN**

J. L. Benson, D. R. McClelland, J. D. Tarbet, and R. F. Purnell, Principal Investigators (Dept. of Agriculture, Houston, Tex.) *In NASA*. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1097-1101 refs ERTS

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An insight is provided of the technical approach which was applied to the system design of the USDA Applications Test Program. Included are: identification of requirements, assessment of remote sensing contributions, evaluations of existing techniques, and cost effective development of a system design which utilizes techniques and procedures consistent with requirements. M.M.M.

**N80-15524\*#** Department of Agriculture, Houston, Tex. **RESOURCE MODELING: A REALITY FOR PROGRAM COST ANALYSIS**

L. D. Fouts and R. L. Hurst, Principal Investigators *In NASA*. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jun. 1979 p 1103-1120 ref ERTS

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The approach, implementation, operation, and utilization of a model to establish capital investment and operational costs for the Program is presented. These are based on their interrelationships, dependencies, and alternative actions. M.M.M.

**N80-15525\*#** Department of Agriculture, Houston, Tex. **THE APPLICATION TEST SYSTEM: EXPERIENCES TO DATE AND FUTURE PLANS**

G. A. May, P. Ashburn, and H. L. Hansen, Principal Investigators *In NASA*. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Session, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 1121-1125 refs ERTS

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The ATS analysis component is presented focusing on methods by which the varied data sources are used by the ATS analyst. Analyst training and initial processing of data is discussed along with short and long plans for the ATS. M.M.M.

**N80-15527\*#** Instituto Geografico Nacional, Madrid (Spain). **THERMAL MAPPING, GEOTHERMAL SOURCE LOCATION, NATURAL EFFLUENTS AND PLANT STRESS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST OF SPAIN** Progress Report

Rudolfo NunezdelasCuevas, Fernando LopezdeSagredo, D. Joaquin Melia Miralles, D. Pedro Herranz Araujo, D. Jesus Paredes Perlado, D. Antonio Parrilla, D. J. Luis Picon, D. J. Luis Labrandero, and F. Gonzalez Bernaldez, Principal Investigators 30 Sep. 1979 47 p refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

(E80-10032: NASA-CR-162443: PR-1) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08F

**N80-15530\*#** Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, Ottawa (Ontario).

**USE OF THERMAL INFRARED AND COLOUR INFRARED IMAGERY TO DETECT CROP MOISTURE STRESS Interim Report**

R. C. McKenzie, N. F. Clark, and J. Cihlar, Principal Investigators  
Mar. 1979 36 p refs Sponsored by NASA ERTS  
(E80-10036; NASA-CR-162447) Avail: NTIS  
HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The author has identified the following significant results. In the presence of variable plant cover (primarily percent cover) and variable available water content, the remotely sensed apparent temperatures correlate closely with plant cover and poorly with soil water. To the extent that plant cover is not systematically related to available soil water, available water in the root zone values may not be reliably predicted from the thermal infrared data. On the other hand, if plant cover is uniform and the soil surface is shown in a minor way, the thermal data indicate plant stress and consequently available water in the soil profile.

**N80-15531\*#** Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, Ottawa (Ontario). Applications Div.

**HCCM/SOIL MOISTURE EXPERIMENT Progress Report**

Josef Cihlar, Principal Investigator 31 Aug. 1979 12 p refs  
Sponsored by NASA ERTS  
(E80-10037; NASA-CR-162448) Avail: NTIS  
HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08M

**N80-15534\*#** Environmental Research Inst. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**ANALYSIS OF SCANNER DATA FOR CROP INVENTORIES Progress Report, 7 Jun. - 14 Sep. 1979**

R. Cicone, E. Crist, Q. Holmes, R. J. Kauth, W. A. Malila, and W. Pont, Principal Investigators Oct. 1979 151 p EREP  
(Contract NAS9-15476)  
(E80-10040; NASA-CR-160362; ERIM-132400-28-P) Avail:  
NTIS HC A08/MF A01 CSCL 02C

**N80-15535\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Earth Resources Labs., Bay St. Louis, Miss.

**DEMONSTRATION OF WETLAND VEGETATION MAPPING IN FLORIDA FROM COMPUTER-PROCESSED SATELLITE AND AIRCRAFT MULTISPECTRAL SCANNER DATA**

M. Kristine Butera Oct. 1979 27 p refs  
(NASA-TP-1553; S-492) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08B

The success of remotely mapping wetland vegetation of the southwestern coast of Florida is examined. A computerized technique to process aircraft and LANDSAT multispectral scanner data into vegetation classification maps was used. The cost effectiveness of this mapping technique was evaluated in terms of user requirements, accuracy, and cost. Results indicate that mangrove communities are classified most cost effectively by the LANDSAT technique, with an accuracy of approximately 87 percent and with a cost of approximately 3 cent per hectare compared to \$46.50 per hectare for conventional ground survey methods. R.C.T.

**N80-15542#** National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.

**REMOTE SENSING OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES. A BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH ABSTRACTS Progress Report, Oct. 1973 - Sep. 1979**

Audrey S. Hundemann Oct. 1979 245 p Supersedes  
NTIS/PS-78/0969; NTIS/PS-77/0867; NTIS/PS-76/0714;  
NTIS/PS-75/668; NTIS/PS-75/068  
(NTIS/PS-79/0993/0; NTIS/PS-78/0969; NTIS/PS-77/0867;  
NTIS/PS-76/0714; NTIS/PS-75/668; NTIS/PS-75/068) Avail:  
NTIS HC \$28.00/MF \$28.00 CSCL 03D

Results of agricultural resources surveys using remote sensing techniques for crop identification, acreage measurement, land mapping, and forest density studies are discussed. A few abstracts pertain to identification of plant diseases and insect pests and fishery resource assessment. This updated bibliography contains 239 abstracts, 28 of which are new entries to the previous edition. GRA

**N80-15549#** Economics, Statistics and Cooperatives Service, Washington, D. C. Statistical Research Div.

**OBTAINING TIMELY CROP AREA ESTIMATES USING GROUND-GATHERED AND LANDSAT DATA**

George Hanuschak, Richard Sigman, Michael Craig, Martin Ozga, and Raymond Luebbe Aug. 1979 35 p refs  
(PB-300825/7; TB-1609) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The NASA Earth resources monitoring satellites, LANDSAT 2 and 3, were used with conventional ground-gathered data to estimate planted crop areas for the 1978 Iowa corn and soybean crops. Estimates that used LANDSAT data and ground data jointly were substantially more precise than those made from ground data alone. These estimates were one of several data sources used in determining the official year-end Annual Crop Summary for Iowa. Problems associated with total project cost, timely delivery of LANDSAT data to the USDA, and cloud cover must be solved prior to any planning for an operational program. GRA

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### ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Includes land use analysis, urban and metropolitan studies, environmental impact, air and water pollution, geographic information systems, and geographic analysis.

**A80-14705 #** Environmental monitoring systems. E. P. Parry (Rockwell International Environmental Monitoring and Services Center, Newbury Park, Calif.). In: Society and Aerospace Technology Workshop, Los Angeles, Calif., November 15, 1979, Proceedings. Los Angeles, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Inc.; North Hollywood, Calif., Western Periodicals Co., 1979, p. 85-92.

The measurement of environmental pollutants involves the use of both continuous and integrated analyzers. A combination of sensor instrumentation, sampling system, and data acquisition system comprises an environmental monitoring system for sampling either air or water. The nature of ambient air monitoring systems will be discussed. Techniques used to measure various pollutants and principles of continuous sensor instrumentation will be discussed. Both sophisticated and simple environmental monitoring systems will be shown. Environmental monitoring systems for water will also be described giving the nature of and reason for integrated samplers. Recent advances in electronics and computer technology on environmental systems continue to have an impact. Finally, the application of various systems to monitoring programs and widely varying objectives, the basis for selection of systems, and the trade-offs which can be used will be given with some illustrative examples.

(Author)

**A80-15556 \*** Assessment of the urban heat island effect through the use of satellite data. J. C. Price (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Laboratory for Atmospheric Sciences, Greenbelt, Md.). *Monthly Weather Review*, vol. 107, Nov. 1979, p. 1554-1557. 12 refs.

A recent NASA satellite is obtaining high spatial resolution thermal infrared data at times of day appropriate for the study of the urban heat island effect. Quantitative estimates of the extent and intensity of urban surface heating are obtained by analysis of digital data acquired over the New York City-New England area. In many large cities satellite sensed temperatures are 10-15 C warmer than in surrounding rural areas. A thorough interpretation of the elevated urban surface temperature will require studies of (1) the relationship between remotely sensed surface temperatures and air temperatures, and (2) compensation for observed very localized heating due to industry and/or power plants.

(Author)

**A80-15774 #** The use of remote sensing for transport planning and highway engineering in developing countries. T. E. Beaumont (Fairey Surveys, Ltd., Maidenhead, Berks., England). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 17, 19-26. 13 refs.

Rapid methods of terrain appraisal are becoming increasingly important in developing countries in helping transport planners and highway engineers to make early and effective decisions about the location and design of new roads. Recent developments in the collection and analysis of terrain data recorded by remote sensing systems have resulted in a new era in the application of surveillance techniques to the planning, design, construction and maintenance of highways in different overseas environments. This paper discusses the advantages of using these new remote sensing methods for highway engineering surveys and gives examples of recent applications of the techniques to projects in Botswana, Ethiopia and Nepal.

(Author)

**A80-20259** Remote sensing for monitoring resources for development and conservation of desert and semi-desert areas. V. I.

Myers, D. G. Moore, M. DeVries, and B. Worcester. In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 396-422. 13 refs.

In productive areas where deteriorations of resources is already in an advanced stage, planning and rehabilitation requires an assessment of resources and the determination of their vulnerability to further damage, as well as their potential for rehabilitation and development. In the present paper, it is shown how remote sensing technology can be used to obtain many of the early diagnostic indicators of desertification, as well as an assessment of resources and their potential in cases where the processes are advanced.

V.P.

**A80-20263** The application of remote sensing techniques for the enforcement of the Michigan Sand Dune Management and Protection Act. G. Schultink (Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 468-479. 21 refs.

**A80-15782 #** Land use mapping in the Sahel zone using Landsat. C. Bardinet (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Montrouge, Hauts-de-Seine, France), J.-M. Monget, and M. Poisson (Paris, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines, Paris, France). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 85, 87-90.

The LANCHAD mapping project was initiated under a joint research effort of both the Chad University and Paris 1 University. The aim of this project was to develop research and teaching in land use and cartography using remote sensing from satellites. The LANCHAD acronym (land use in Chad) clearly indicates that the subject of this study was to produce maps of use to local land managers. The kind of information obtained from Landsat is particularly useful in the planning of urban development, in this case in the Sahel type environment of Chad. The concentration of population with traditional ways of life is inducing rapid changes in the natural environment surrounding the large towns. Desertification and increased erosion in deforested areas, as well as the need for new agricultural areas, are typical problems which can be approached by multitemporal classification of satellite data. The first results have been obtained for the N'Djamena area which is the capital city of Chad, but the study will be extended to the entire country during a five year survey.

(Author)

**A80-20025** Digital image processing techniques to extract metric data on buildings from shadows on simulated air photos. H. Turner (Toronto, University, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada) and D. Steiner (Zürich, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zurich, Switzerland). *Photogrammetria*, vol. 35, Nov. 1979, p. 141-160. 17 refs. National Research Council of Canada Grant No. A-7501.

This paper investigates the use of shadows on aerial photographs to obtain ground parameters (length, width, height, area and volume) of buildings by image processing technique. The assumptions of flat ground and true vertical photography are made in the study, and the investigation is performed on a scale model of an urban environment. Only the case of separate shadows is examined, and no attempt is made to deal with the cases of overlapping shadows and shadows falling on other buildings. The numerical values of the building parameters obtained by image processing are compared with the corresponding 'true' values measured directly on the scale model and a statistical error analysis is performed. The presence of a systematic error is detected in the height and volume residuals. A working model, based upon regression analysis, is suggested for use with actual aerial photographs.

(Author)

## 02 ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**A80-20241** The use of Landsat imagery to monitor desert encroachment in arid areas. A. M. Brera and F. Shahrokhi (Tennessee, University, Tullahoma, Tenn.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 58-68. 20 refs.

Major programs of sand fixation and afforestation have been undertaken by the Libyan Government. The purpose of these programs is to prevent sand dune encroachment over newly developed agricultural projects in the southern part of the country. Analysis of the imagery available from Landsat 1 and 2 for the period between 1972 to 1977 using digital and analogue techniques over selected test areas in the Libyan Desert has been undertaken. The results of this analysis has demonstrated that desert spreading can be estimated effectively and most economically through the use of Landsat imagery if proper image analysis techniques are used.

(Author)

**A80-20246** A suggested method for delimiting urbanized areas using digital Landsat data. R. Ellefsen and D. Peruzzi (San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 176-183. 6 refs.

Manipulation of a land-use map product generated by computer-aided analysis of Landsat digital data has been used, in a test case, to delimit the boundary of an urbanized area. Delimitation was determined by invoking rules adapted from the U.S. Census to encompass exclaves and to close embayments. The units of generalization were single urban pixels, groups of four, and groups of nine. The urbanized boundary was smoothed to varying degrees depending on whether the 'rule of one,' the 'rule of two' or the 'rule of three' was employed. This detailed set of systematic rules was developed with the hope of having universal applicability.

(Author)

**A80-20251** A light aircraft camera Pod - The Enviro-Pod. G. E. Howard, Jr. (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Photographic Interpretation Center, Warrenton, Va.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 283-295.

The paper deals with an airborne self-contained low-cost remote sensing system, called the Enviro-Pod (Pod), developed for monitoring the environment of the United-States territory to ensure the validity of environmental standards and assure legal compliance. The results of feasibility tests and demonstrations indicate that the camera-configured Pod will acquire cost effectively, high-quality high-resolution imagery in routine monitoring of point targets, stream segments, and small areas of generally less than 25 square miles. In its current configuration, the Pod provides high-resolution panoramic imagery in both the oblique and vertical camera positions. At a typical flight altitude of 3000 ft. the resolution of panchromatic film at nadir is 18 cm.

V.P.

**A80-20255** Compositing natural resource and land use information in Spearfish, South Dakota - A land capability study. T. Loveland, J. Schlesinger, and B. Ripple (South Dakota State Planning Bureau, Pierre, S. Dak.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 343-359.

The South Dakota State Planning Bureau recently completed a land capability study for Spearfish, South Dakota. This effort concentrated on the utilization of remote sensing data and computer composite mapping techniques. NASA high altitude aerial photography was interpreted to obtain land use information within the Spearfish area for 1969 and 1976. Detailed soils and surficial geology

data were digitized, interpreted, and composited to determine the physical limitations in the area. The land capability data and the land use data were then composited to produce maps and statistics that related the area's physical limitations to actual, historical, and changing land use patterns.

(Author)

**N80-10553\*** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. **COLOR ZONING IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT** Farouk El-Baz and Hassan A. El-Etr (Ain Shams Univ., Cairo, Egypt) /n NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 203-217 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08B

The Western Desert of Egypt was selected for detailed study as a type locality of the north African desert environment. In addition to astronaut observations, 55 color photographs of Egypt were obtained during the Apollo-Soyuz mission using 70 and 35 mm cameras. These photographs showed regional and local color zones that were mapped and checked in the field. The Apollo-Soyuz color data were used in the selection of areas for field investigations and in the extrapolation of knowledge to unphotographed areas of the Western Desert. One of the results, the mapping of an arable zone west of the Nile Delta, attests to the potential value of color photographs in desert study.

Author

**N80-10554\*** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. **ORBITAL OBSERVATIONS OF SAND DISTRIBUTION IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT**

Ann W. Gifford, Delia M. Warner, and Farouk El-Baz /n NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 219-236 refs

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Apollo-Soyuz Test Project photographs of the Western Desert of Egypt were studied to discover the usefulness of orbital imagery in delineating sand deposits. A strip of Apollo-Soyuz mapping-camera photographs was used to map sand distribution patterns. Information from this strip was extrapolated to the rest of Egypt using a falsecolor mosaic of LANDSAT images.

Author

**N80-11535#** Army Engineer Topographic Labs., Fort Belvoir, Va.

**LAND COVER CLASSIFICATION FROM LANDSAT DATA: PHASE 3 OF A JOINT DOE/NASA DEMONSTRATION Final Report**

Richard N. Foreman Mar. 1979 84 p

(AD-A071723; ETL-0175) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 14/5

The Corps of Engineers and NASA's Earth Resources Laboratory conducted a joint demonstration of the production of land cover classification data from LANDSAT data. This report describes Phase III of the demonstration, in which classification maps and data were produced for two Corps of Engineers Districts: Wilmington District, an area in the upper Roanoke River basin of Virginia; and Jacksonville District, an area along the route of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. The report includes the Districts' evaluations of the accuracy and applicability of the classifications and cost information for Phase III of the demonstration. The report also includes cost information for the application of interdisciplinary analysis of aerial photography as a means of obtaining land cover and environmental data. LANDSAT data may be cost-effective for identifying and showing the distribution of general types of land cover for large areas, although some land cover types may not be identifiable on a particular LANDSAT scene. Interdisciplinary analysis of aerial photography identifies and explains in a technical report the distribution of land cover. The extra detail of the report and the ability to ensure that specific land cover types are studied may make interdisciplinary analysis of aerial photography cost-effective for limited study areas.

GRA

**N80-11537#** Washington Univ., Seattle. Remote Sensing Applications Lab **STUDY IN REMOTE SENSING FOR LAND USE Final Report,**

**Apr. 1977 - Jun. 1978**

Richard D. Shinn and Frank V. Westerlund Air Force Engineering and Services Lab., Tyndall AFB, Fla. Jun. 1979 74 p refs (Contract F08635-77-C-0278; AF Proj. 2103) (AD-A071802; AFESC/ESL-TR-79-15) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 14/2

This research tested three methods of obtaining land use information by remote sensing for United States Air Force (USAF) land use planning. The three methods tested were: (1) photo interpretation of aircraft photography; (2) equidensitometric processing of aircraft or LANDSAT imagery; and (3) statistical analysis of LANDSAT digital data. The two sites tested were McChord AFB and Fairchild AFB in Washington State. Using test scenarios of mission realignments it was found that photo interpretation was an accurate and ready means to obtain land use information. GRA

**N80-12484** Regionale Planungsgemeinschaft Utermain, Frankfurt (West Germany).

**FUTURE REMOTE SENSING TASKS IN REGIONAL PLANNING [ZUKUNFTIGE AUFGABEN DER FERNERKUNDUNG IN DER REGIONALPLANUNG]**

A. vonHesler In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 183-186 In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Remote sensing techniques when used at the beginning of a whole variety of projects can provide notable advantages. Country, regional and town planning activities have, up until now, because of increasing population characteristics, employed quantitative planning procedures. The need for qualitative planning is becoming increasingly apparent. Financial and administrative problems are ever present. The maximum efficiency in the use of the information so acquired is essential. Suggestions put forward include promoting the availability of DIBIAS systems among experimental workers, making aircraft flights more easily available and encouraging exchanges of information. Author (ESA)

**N80-12485** Ruhr Planning Authority, Essen (West Germany). **INTERPRETATION OF IR AND MSS DATA FOR TOWN AREAS [INTERPRETATION VON IR- UND MSS-DATEN IM STADGEBEIT]**

F. H. Hirt and P. Stock In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 187-190 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

While the classification of open spaces and areas of vegetation is relatively easy, it is difficult to identify building and other built-up area elements (such as houses, roads and automobile parks) as they are not associated with any precise spectral characteristics. A maximum likelihood method is used to separate vegetation, asphalt, rooftop and shade. Preliminary experiments using digital data processing suggest important new applications for town and regional planning in builtup areas. Author (ESA)

**N80-12517** Institut fuer Angewandte Geodasie, Singlingen (West Germany).

**THE DETERMINATION OF LAND USAGES FOR PLANNING AND CARTOGRAPHY [DIE GEWINNUNG VON NUTZUNGSKATEGORIEN AUS MULTISPEKTRALEN ABTASTERAUFGZEICHNUNGEN FUEER PLANUNG UND KARTOGRAPHIE]**

K. Niemz In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 493-500 In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Analog and digital processing of data for regional planning and small scale map production purposes is described. The analog procedure is used for applications with diazo layers in which color compositions are generated. The digital processing employs the DIBIAS system and the maximum likelihood method for classification. Ground maps are produced by both methods. Multispectral scanning and the classification of LANDSAT 2 data are treated. Examples are given covering the classification of a variety of crops. Author (ESA)

**N80-12524\*#** Texas A&M Univ., College Station. Remote Sensing Center.

**APPLIED REGIONAL MONITORING OF THE VERNAL ADVANCEMENT AND RETROGRADATION (GREEN WAVE EFFECT) OF NATURAL VEGETATION IN THE GREAT PLAINS CORRIDOR Final Report**

J. C. Harlan and D. W. Deering, Principal Investigators Sep. 1979 30 p refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

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The author has identified the following significant results. Rangelands in southwest Texas were used to establish threshold values and limitations on measuring herbaceous biomass under typical arid and semi-arid range conditions. Previous regression relationships established between ND6 and green biomass for two different ecosystems were similar. The west Texas data set for brush-free sites was too small to be statistically conclusive. It appears that a line with a third (and steeper) slope would be best for the west Texas data, and that line would intersect the other two. Results show that similar relationships exist between ND6 and green biomass under low brush canopy cover conditions, but local variations require a calibration to determine the best fit for an ecosystem. The brush canopy has a detrimental effect on the ND6 vs. herbaceous green biomass relationship.

**N80-12622\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

**A MULTISPECTRAL LOOK AT OIL POLLUTION DETECTION MONITORING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Clarence E. Catoe and James T. McLean Oct. 1979 25 p refs

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The problems of detecting oil films on water, mapping the areal extent of slicks, measuring the slick thickness, and identifying oil types are discussed. The signature properties of oil in the ultraviolet, visible, infrared, microwave, and radar regions are analyzed. K.L.

**N80-13614#** National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.

**REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT. A BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH ABSTRACTS Progress Report, 1964 - Jul. 1979**

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The application of remote sensing methods to air, water, and noise pollution problems is discussed. Topic areas cover characteristics of dispersion and diffusion by which pollutants are transported, eutrophication of lakes, thermal discharges from electric power plants, outfalls from industrial plants, atmospheric aerosols under various meteorological conditions, monitoring of oil spills, and application of remote sensing to estuarine problems. This updated bibliography contains 167 abstracts, 11 of which are new entries to the previous edition. GRA

**N80-13615#** National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.

**REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING. A BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH ABSTRACTS Progress Report, 1964 - Jul. 1979**

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Urban and regional planning using aerial photography and satellite remote sensing methods is discussed. Abstracts cover the use of remote sensing in land use mapping, traffic surveys

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and urban transportation planning, and taking inventories of natural resources for urban planning. Abstracts dealing with land use and residential quality associated with and acting as an influence on health and physical well-being are included. This updated bibliography contains 65 abstracts, 2 of which are new entries to the previous edition. GRA

**N80-15526\*#** Geological Survey, Reston, Va.

**CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL TEST SITE:  
A PROTOTYPE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEM, VOLUME 1 Final Report**

Robert H. Alexander, Principal Investigator 26 Sep. 1979.  
384 p Original contains color imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

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The author has identified the following significant results. LANDSAT data showed the test region in 1972 to be 9% urban and built-up land, 38% agriculture, 50% forest, 3% nonforested wetlands, and less than 1% barren land, exclusive of water-covered areas. A comprehensive user evaluation revealed greatest demand for high-altitude aerial photography and the detailed maps and data products that can be derived from the metropolitan areas agencies, found relatively little use for LANDSAT imagery at 1:250,000 scale and corresponding manually interpreted land use maps.

# **GEODESY AND CARTOGRAPHY**

Includes mapping and topography.

**A80-10172 #** Combined application of cartographic and aerial-photographic techniques for the investigation of present tectonic movements (K voprosu o sovместnom primenenii kartografi-cheskogo i aerokosmicheskogo metodov pri izuchenii noveishikh i sovremennykh tektonicheskikh dvizhenii). V. I. Mikhailov (Belorusskii Politekhnikeskii Institut, Minsk, Belorussian SSR). *Geodeziia i Aerofotos'emka*, no. 3, 1979, p. 82-87. In Russian.

**A80-11695** New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Symposium sponsored by the International Society of Photogram-metry, Canadian Institute of Surveying, and Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Survey-ing, 1979. 789 p. In English and French. \$20.

**A80-11698 #** Proposed parameters for an automated mapping satellite /MAPSAT/ system. A. P. Colvocoresses (U.S. Geological Survey, National Center, Reston, Va.). In: New tech-nology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 374-382.

Landsats-1, 2, and 3, although not defined as mapping satellites, are in fact effectively recording the earth in a form suitable for presentation as small-scale image maps. These spacecraft have demonstrated the effectiveness of earth sensing, which must now move from the research to the operational phase. Landsat-D is designed to continue the research effort, but NASA, whose charter precludes operations, has not defined an operational system. An operational Landsat has previously been proposed in technical terms, but this concept was limited to the orthographic (two-dimensional) mode demonstrated by Landsat-1, 2, and 3. Mapping involves topography as well as planimetry, and a satellite compatible with the Landsat that also resolves the three-dimensional mode of topography is proposed. Such a satellite requires very high stability and pointing accuracy. The current state of the art permits such a satellite to be built and flown in a mode suitable for automated modeling of the earth's surface in three-dimensional as well as two-dimensional modes. The satellite would be complementary to or could be combined with the operational Landsat previously proposed, and it is suggested that it be designated the Automated Mapping Satellite or Mapsat. (Author)

**A80-11699 #** The Brazilian Landsat program - Automated and manual mapping and future plans for cartographic applications. D. A. Cottrell and J. C. Maia (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico, Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 383-401. 19 refs.

The Brazilian Landsat program is reviewed with respect to geodetic support, future plans in cartographic applications, and ongoing mapping projects using Landsat data. Attention is given to a discussion of the software/hardware phases of the program. Illustrative examples are provided. Continued research along certain lines will provide a system to update existing survey and cartographic maps and refine thematic mapping productions over a wide range of land and water resources applications. S.D.

**A80-11701 #** Concept for the automatic registration of satellite images with a digital map data base. W. Kropatsch and F. Leberl (Graz, Technische Universität, Graz, Austria). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Sym-po-sium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 411-424. 11 refs. Grant No. DA-ERO-78-G044.

The concept of a computer program system for automatic recording of digital satellite images using a digital cartographic data bank is described. This concept is developed on the basis of a survey of literature on image recording, on digital line detection, and on structural pattern recognition. The computer program system is basically modular so that additional features can be added, and it has a learning capability so that accumulated experience can improve its performance. The proposed system is described along with its various elements. The entire system is based on a digital image processing system called DIDAK which was developed for a general-purpose computer environment (Wiesel, 1977). Programming for this system is under way. S.D.

**A80-11702 #** The practical contribution of space imagery to topographical mapping. J. D. Leatherdale (Hunting Surveys, Ltd., Boreham Wood, Herts., England). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 425-444.

Space imagery is already making a practical contribution to topographical mapping at very small scales. Several examples of the use of Landsat, space photography and radar for mapping at scales between 1:1 million and 1:100,000 are described and illustrated. (Author)

**A80-11703 #** Integration of LANDSAT CCT data and digital terrain data in cartographic application. S. Murai and R. Tateishi (Tokyo, University, Tokyo, Japan). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 445-454.

The paper deals with integration of LANDSAT CCT data and digital terrain data in cartographic application. Geographic correction (scene correction) of LANDSAT MSS data with high accuracy which enables the overlay of LANDSAT data upon the national digital terrain model, automated relief shading using both LANDSAT data and digital terrain data, pseudo stereoscopic LANDSAT images and their three dimensional representation are major themes in the study. (Author)

**A80-11705 #** Latin American experiences in utilizing satel-lite imagery for cartographic purposes. J. E. Staples (Pan-American Institute of Geography and History, Mexico City, Mexico). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Sym-po-sium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 474-483. 7 refs.

One of the new technologies being investigated and used to study and resolve earth resources and environmental problems is remote sensing. The Latin American cartographic institutions became aware of the potential of remote sensing technology and space-derived imagery together with the need for a multidisciplinary mapping approach, and since 1972 have experimented with satellite imagery to prepare cartographic products. In this paper attention is given to a review of the historical evolution of satellite imaging systems. During the 1981-1985 period, it is planned to place Landsat D in orbit with an advanced multispectral scanner. A 1:250,000 scale unified hemispheric map with unified data, grid systems, and similar symbology will provide earth resource and environmental scientists a cartographic and geographic base which can be used to yield the information necessary to their disciplines. S.D.



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**A80-11706 # Landsat imagery. A cartographic reference base.** W. M. Strome, E. A. Fleming, W. D. Bruce, and V. R. Slaney (Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Canada). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 484-502. 14 refs.

In recent years, the U.S. Landsat program has provided a small but continuing source of information for the production of new maps and the revision of existing maps for Canada. More recently, experiments have been conducted to examine the usefulness of new map products based on Landsat data. These are based on digitally enhanced and/or geometrically corrected MSS scenes. The discussion focuses on operational use of Landsat in mapping and on refining Landsat data for mapping. It is hoped that the derived maps will prove to be useful references for investigators in many disciplines. An assessment will be made by the Canadian Advisory Committee on Remote Sensing. If warranted by this evaluation and other comments received, additional maps may be produced in the future, with possible changes in format whenever necessary. S.D.

**A80-11709 # Interactive analysis methods for resource mapping.** A. K. Turner (Environment Consultants, Inc., Lakewood, Colo.). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 735-754. 6 refs.

An interactive composite mapping system called GMAPS (General Map Analysis and Planning System), has been used to evaluate energy development plans, and make resource and environmental assessments. GMAPS is superior to the traditional transparent overlay methods because it is much cheaper, faster and more quantitative. Using GMAPS, variables and interactions can be easily modified to rapidly investigate an unlimited range of development alternatives. An associated mapping system GCARS, (Generalized Computer Aided Route Selection), can generate a set of alternative corridors between specified termini by applying linear programming methods to GMAPS models. The corridors are ranked for suitability according to environmental and socio-economic criteria. (Author)

**A80-15176 # Method for increasing the accuracy of an airborne geodetic radio rangefinder (Metod povysheniia tochnosti samoletnogo geodezicheskogo radiodal'nomena).** A. I. Belov, A. M. Rasin, and L. S. Goldobina. *Geodeziia i Aerofotos'emka*, no. 4, 1979, p. 42-49. 5 refs. In Russian.

The paper analyzes the accuracy of an airborne two-antenna rangefinder, with a view to reducing errors associated with reflections from the underlying surface. Two components of range error are investigated: fluctuating and determinate. The analysis makes it possible to determine basic design and operational parameters for the rangefinder system. B.J.

**A80-15182 # Standardization of cartographic field and aerial and space photography data for automatic map generation (Normalizatsiia kartograficheskikh polevykh i aerokosmicheskikh materialov dlia avtomaticheskogo postroeniia kart).** E. E. Shiriaev (Moskovskii Institut Inzhenerov Geodezii, Aerofotos'emki i Kartografii, Moscow, USSR). *Geodeziia i Aerofotos'emka*, no. 4, 1979, p. 81-85. In Russian.

The paper describes a method for preparing cartographic data for automatic processing with a view to automated map generation. A data standardization procedure, based on optimal division of functions between man and machine, is proposed for various scanning systems. B.J.

**A80-16560 # Structure of taiga landscapes and its study by remote sensing techniques (Struktura taezhnykh landshaftov i metody ee distantsionnogo izucheniia).** D. M. Kireev. In: Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 11-44, 185. 9 refs. In Russian.

The applications of remote sensing to the study of taiga landscapes is demonstrated by the example of a region in western Siberia. Landscapes and land forms are identified by the method of ecological indicators using land forms of various scales. Landscape and morphological studies, in conjunction with analyses of thematic maps, confirmed the correctness of natural territorial identifications on a structural-morphological basis. V.P.

**A80-16561 # Principles of studying mountainous forest landscapes in the Baikal Lake basin, using aerial and satellite photography (Printsipy izucheniia gornnykh lesnykh landshaftov basseina oz Baikal s ispol'zovaniem aerokosmicheskikh snimkov).** N. I. Rubstov. In: Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 45-59, 186-189. 10 refs. In Russian.

**A80-17403 \* Earth feature identification and tracking technology development.** R. G. Wilson and W. E. Sivertson, Jr. (NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.). In: Smart sensors; Proceedings of the Seminar, Washington, D.C., April 17, 18, 1979. Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1979, p. 185-194. 37 refs.

The paper discusses needs for smart sensing in terrestrial and atmospheric remote sensing as related to current technology and a scheduled Shuttle experiment. An approach is outlined involving Shuttle-borne experiments to develop earth feature identification and tracking technology including a Feature Identification and Location Experiment (FILE) scheduled for flight on the NASA Shuttle with an objective of classifying earth features into categories of bare land, water, vegetation, and clouds, snow, and ice. The plan for evolution of the FILE-related technology leads to capabilities for pointing instruments to predetermined sites, reacquiring earth features or landmarks, and tracking features such as coastlines and rivers. Technology concepts relative to an overall system transfer function is discussed, and the development status outlined. A.T.

**A80-20200 # Recording the contour of a region with an airborne laser profilograph (Registratsiia rel'efa mestnosti s pomoshch'iu lazernogo aviaprofilografa).** A. G. Kuliasov, L. E. Marasin, Iu. V. Popov, S. A. Sokolov, V. I. Solodukhin, I. N. Mazhugin, A. Ia. Zhukov, and V. I. Narkevich. *Geodeziia i Kartografiia*, Oct. 1979, p. 40-42. In Russian.

In the study described, a phase-type profilograph employing an He-Ne laser and an interference filter with a passband of 15 Å was used onboard an aircraft to record the contours of a factory and a wooded slope. The profilograph was found to provide contour recordings, not only of a wooded area but also of the underlying earth surface, with a high resolution with respect to height. V.P.

**A80-20253 \* An examination of the relationships between selected ground properties and Landsat MSS data in an area of complex terrain in southern Italy.** C. O. Justice (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Earth Resources Branch, Greenbelt, Md.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 303-328. 29 refs.

The paper deals with the method and results of a study which involved an examination of the statistical relationships between selected ground properties and Landsat MSS data, and whose aim was to assess the applicability of Landsat data to surface cover mapping in areas characterized by high-frequency spatial variations of surface cover type over small areas. The results indicate that by systematic ground data collection it is possible to understand the basic relationships between ground properties and Landsat sensor data in areas of complex surface cover and terrain, and to classify the cover types. V.P.

**N80-10556\*** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.  
**TEMPORAL CHANGES AS DEPICTED ON ORBITAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARID REGIONS IN NORTH AFRICA**  
 Marie H. Slezak and Farouk El-Baz / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 263-272 refs

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Processes typical of arid environments can be monitored from space by comparing orbital photographs taken over a period of years. Oblique photographs can be used, but best results are obtained with vertical or near-vertical photographs. Changes observed by comparing the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz photographs with data from previous missions include (1) an increase in vegetation west of the Nile Delta of approximately 1108 sq km in 10 years; (2) an average shift of 2.5 km over a 6 year period in the sand patterns of the Oweinat Mountain region at the borders between Egypt, Libya, and Sudan; and (3) a reduction in the water level of Lake Chad and dune encroachment upon the lake over a period of 9 years. R.E.S.

**N80-14443#** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome (Italy). Remote Sensing Unit.

**PHYSICAL BACKGROUND OF REMOTE SENSING**

W. D. Langeraar / In ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 14-19

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The physical principles of remote sensing are reviewed. After a brief discussion of the evolution of sensory data acquisition and interpretation, instruments, such as infrared detectors, seismometers, geiger-counters, and magnetometers, are considered. Emphasis is on the role of electromagnetic radiation in the detection of signals which would otherwise not be perceivable by human senses. Multispectral scanning data, like that available from LANDSAT, is taken as an example and spectral signatures are discussed. Finally, the spectral bands utilized by METEOSAT are also briefly treated. Author (ESA)

**N80-14482#** Institut fuer Angewandte Geodaesie, Frankfurt am Main (West Germany).

**ON THE USE OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MEASUREMENTS IN THE COMPILATION OF TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS [BEITRAEGE ZUR DIGITALEN PHOTOGRAMMETRISCHEN MESSUNG FUER DIE HERSTELLUNG TOPOGRAPHISCHER KARTEN]**

Hermann G. Neubauer 1978 125 p refs In GERMAN; ENGLISH summary Original contains color illustrations (Ser-1-Original-Rept-76) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01

The preparation of topographic maps is discussed. The technique where topographic maps are first prepared in the form of graphic manuscripts by applying photogrammetric methods is briefly reviewed. It is shown that attempts at a rationalization of map production leads, with the aid of digital data, to automated procedures. The measurements, the computations by means of electronic data processing equipment, and the output of field comparison documents are discussed. Author (ESA)

**N80-14603\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Pasadena Office, Calif.

**SYSTEM FOR REAL-TIME CRUSTAL DEFORMATION**

**MONITORING Patent**

Peter F. MacDoran, inventor (to NASA) (JPL) Issued 9 Oct. 1979 7 p Filed 21 Dec. 1977 Supersedes N78-17529 (16 - 08, p 1043) Sponsored by NASA (NASA-Case-NPO-14124-1; US-Patent-4,170,776; US-Patent-Appl-SN-863024; US-Patent-Class-343-112D; US-Patent-Class-343-100ME) CSCL 08G

A system is described for use in detecting earth crustal deformation using an RF interferometer technique for such purposes as earthquake predictive research and eventual operational predictions. A lunar based RF transmission or transmissions from earth orbiting satellites are received at two locations on Earth, and a precise time dependent phase measurement is made of the RF signal as received at the two locations to determine two or three spatial parameters of the antenna relative positions. The received data are precisely time tagged and land-line routed to a central station for real-time phase comparison and analysis. By monitoring the antenna relative positions over an extended period of months or years, crustal deformation of the Earth can be detected.

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**N80-14605** Washington Univ., Seattle.  
**CRUSTAL DEFORMATION IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: MULTI-WAVELENGTH GEODETIC OBSERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS Ph.D. Thesis**

John Oliver Langbein 1979 213 p

Avail: Univ. Microfilms Order No. 7927822

A precision geodetic experiment was conducted on a segment of the Calaveras fault near Hollister, Calif., which had been previously instrumented for surface creep. The experiment utilized a multi-wavelength distance measuring (MWDM) device which produced daily distance determinations of nine baselines ranging from 3 to 9 km in length with a measurement precision approaching 0.1 micron strain. Analysis of the MWDM data reveals the following: (1) Long-term trends over the 2-1/2 years sampled are consistent with rigid block displacement across the Calaveras fault zone. (2) The present strain release mechanism appears to be episodic aseismic slip on the Calaveras fault with a characteristic time of about one month. (3) Maximal inversion of the baseline displacement shows that Calaveras slip episodes could result from either a small amount of slip distributed over a large fault area or a large amount distributed over a small fault area. Dissert. Abstr.

**N80-15446\*** Lamont-Doherty Geological Inst., Palisades, N. Y.  
**SHAPE OF THE OCEAN SURFACE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EARTH'S INTERIOR: GEOS-3 RESULTS**

M. E. Chapman, M. Talwani, H. Kahle, and J. H. Bodine Wallops Flight Center, Wallops Island, Va. NASA Nov. 1979 189 p refs

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(NASA-CR-156859) Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01 CSCL 08G

A new set of 1 deg x 1 deg mean free air anomalies was used to construct a gravimetric geoid by Stokes' formula for the Indian Ocean. Utilizing such 1 deg x 1 deg geoid comparisons were made with GEOS-3 radar altimeter estimates of geoid height. Most commonly there were constant offsets and long wavelength discrepancies between the two data sets; there were many probable causes including radial orbit error, scale errors in the geoid, or bias errors in altitude determination. Across the Aleutian Trench the 1 deg x 1 deg gravimetric geoids did not measure the entire depth of the geoid anomaly due to averaging over 1 deg squares and subsequent aliasing of the data. After adjustment of GEOS-3 data to eliminate long wavelength discrepancies, agreement between the altimeter geoid and gravimetric geoid was between 1.7 and 2.7 meters in rms errors. For purposes of geological interpretation, techniques were developed to directly compute the geoid anomaly over models of density within the Earth. In observing the results from satellite altimetry it was possible to identify geoid anomalies over different geologic features in the ocean. Examples and significant results are reported. R.C.T.

## GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Includes mineral deposits, petroleum deposits, spectral properties of rocks, geological exploration, and lithology.

**A80-16427 \* #** Geodynamics from satellites. W. M. Kaula (California; University, Los Angeles, Calif.). *American Astronautical Society, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1979, Paper 79-243*. 6 p. 6 refs. Grant No. NSG-5263.

The NASA Geodynamics Program is developing a variety of techniques in support of national programs in geodynamics, geomagnetics and earthquake hazard reduction. Global tectonics are to be observed by satellite laser tracking and radio interferometry, which will be used to measure the movements of extended (greater than 200 km) regions to an accuracy of 3 cm, while for shorter distances, lasers enable a more rapid measuring of regional strain accumulation patterns than ground systems. The techniques of Doppler tracking between two satellites to measure the gravity field over the ocean is also under NASA study. J.P.B.

**A80-14373** Terrestrial aerial photogrammetric surveying of large open pit mines in the Rhein lignite district (Terrestrische und aerophotogrammetrische Vermessung grosser Tagebaue im Rheinischen Braunkohlenrevier). K. Reichenbach (Rheinische Braunkohlenwerke AG, Cologne, West Germany). *Bildmessung und Luftbildwesen*, vol. 47, Nov. 1, 1979, p. 173-178. 11 refs. In German.

**A80-20258 \*** Long wavelength radar for geological analysis in vegetated terrain. H. C. MacDonald, W. P. Waite, D. N. Tolman, and M. Borengasser (Arkansas, University, Fayetteville, Ark.). In: *American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings*.

Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 386-394. Contracts No. JPL-954940; No. JPL-955048.

In contrast to shorter wavelength radars, the range of returns from vegetated surfaces is appreciably less at L-band frequencies. However, the evaluation of differences in image quality due to changes in operational frequency is hindered by several system dissimilarities. In particular, a comparison of the Ka, X- and L-band radar imagery is difficult because of differences in 'effective' resolution. Though the physical resolution of these systems may be somewhat comparable, the inherent averaging of the real aperture systems (X- and Ka-) provides an apparent wider range of gray tones. This effect is related to the fact that at a scale where the resolution cell is discernable, the coherent scintillation of 'speckle' of the synthetic aperture L-band system masks tonal variations. This mismatch of effective resolution impedes detection of small changes in gray tone and makes subtle boundary changes less distinct. V.P.

**N80-10540\* #** California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.  
**GEOLOGIC ANALYSIS OF ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS OF PARTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

R. E. Powell and L. T. Silver. In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 9-27 refs

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Tectonic interpretations of the geologic features of the San Andreas, San Gabriel, and San Jacinto faults are discussed.

F.O.S.

**N80-10542\* #** Amherst Coll., Mass.

**EVALUATION OF SATELLITE IMAGES OF THE LEVANTINE RIFT ZONE**

Richard M. Foose. In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 37-43 refs

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Structural and lithologic features along the Levantine Rift zone were mapped using satellite images from three sources: LANDSAT, Skylab, and Apollo-Soyuz. The accuracy and completeness of these maps were checked during January 1977 on a field trip from the southern end of the Gulf of Elat to the Israeli-Syrian border. Specific structural features and regional tectonic relationships along the zone were clearly displayed on all images. In certain instances, the oblique photographs from Apollo-Soyuz were superior; but, in most cases, the vertical images from LANDSAT provided more complete and accurate relationships. The analysis of tectonic features mapped on space images concurrent with geologic mapping in the field provides an improved basis for understanding the tectonic evolution of large regions. Author

**N80-10543\* #** Texas Univ. at Austin.

**ANALYSIS OF SKYLAB AND ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LEVANTINE (DEAD SEA) FAULT ZONE**

W. R. Muehlberger, L. K. Goetz, and R. C. Belcher. In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 45-62 refs

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Manned-spacecraft photographs of the Dead Sea Rift Zone (DSRZ) were studied to evaluate the fault zone. The interpretation shows a splintering of the DSRZ toward the East Anatolian Fault Zone. This splintering deranged modern drainage systems, which indicates that this region is tectonically active, and these faults constitute a major earthquake hazard. F.O.S.

**N80-10544\* #** Missouri Univ. at Rolla.

**ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS OF SPACE IMAGERY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN-TURKEY/NORTHWESTERN-IRAN MOBILE BELT**

Paul Dean Proctor, Douglas C. Melton, Jr., Ali Beken (Middle Eastern Technical Univ., Ankara, Turkey), and L. K. Abrams. In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 63-85 refs

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Apollo-Soyuz photographs and LANDSAT images of eastern Turkey and northwestern Iran were analyzed for major geological features to develop a regional tectonic map. The analysis revealed three major geological terrains: an autochthonous block of folded layered rocks; and allochthonous block of older, more uniform rocks with folds and faults; and a volcanic terrain. F.O.S.

**N80-10545\* #** Ain Shams Univ., Cairo (Egypt).

**STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE EASTERN DESERT OF EGYPT**

Mohamed A. Abdel-Rahman and Hassan A. El-Etr. In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 87-96 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08B

Apollo-Soyuz color photographs of the northern part of the eastern desert of Egypt were excellent for regional structural mapping because of their color fidelity and large areal coverage. The oblique Apollo-Soyuz photographs were used for the identification of faults, whereas enlarged LANDSAT images were used for planimetric mapping. Aerial photographs were also examined to verify the mapped fault lines, and it was revealed that several of the lines detected on Apollo-Soyuz photographs were, in fact, zones of narrowly spaced, parallel faults. The results support the contention that vertical tectonics were responsible for the development of the fault pattern of the area. J.M.S.

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**N80-10546\*#** Ain Shams Univ., Cairo (Egypt).  
**PHOTOLINEAMENTS IN THE ASTP STEREOSTRIP OF THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT**

Hassan A. El-Etr, Adel R. Moustafa, and Farouk El-Baz /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 97-105 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08B

Photolineaments displayed on the Apollo-Soyuz stereostrip covering part of the western desert of Egypt were studied. Virtually all of the photolineaments detected on LANDSAT images (black-and-white as well as false-color composites) were also detected on Apollo-Soyuz photographs of the same scale and approximately the same resolution. The drawbacks of Apollo-Soyuz photographs include (1) the low base/height ratio, which limited the effective stereovision; (2) the high sun-elevation angle, which limited the shadows required to easily identify linear features; and (3) the overexposure of the central parts of the frames, particularly over the Great Sand Sea. Recommendations are made to remedy this on future earth-orbital photographic missions.

J.M.S.

**N80-10547\*#** Ain Shams Univ., Cairo (Egypt).  
**UTILIZATION OF ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE STUDY OF SMALL STRUCTURES IN ABU RAWASH AND WADI EL NATRUN, EGYPT**

Hassan A. El-Etr and Farouk El-Baz (Smithsonian Institution) /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 107-118 refs

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Geologic structures of the northern part of the western desert of Egypt were studied utilizing enlargement of Apollo-Soyuz Test Project color photographs. The Apollo Soyuz photographs of Abu Rawash clearly show structural uplifts that brought white chalk deposits to the surface, depict the distribution of dark volcanic rocks in the region, and clearly delineate complex structures including several domes and plunging anticlines. The Apollo Soyuz photographs of Wadi el Natrun display its structures as well as the string of salt lakes within it and the barren nature of the northern and southern extremities of the depression. The photographs reveal that there is a potential for increasing the area of cultivated land on the eastern slope of the depression.

J.M.S.

**N80-10548\*#** Missouri Univ. at Rolla.  
**PHOTOTECTONIC ANALYSIS OF SOUTHEASTERN SPAIN FROM ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS AND LANDSAT IMAGES**

Paul Dean Proctor, Kenneth B. Horrall, Douglas C. Melton, Jr., and David F. Thompson /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 119-148 refs

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The tectonic characteristics of southeastern Spain were analyzed using the Apollo Soyuz Test Project oblique color photographs and LANDSAT vertical images. Four distinct tectonic provinces were identified along with three orders of fold dimensions and two orders of lineaments. Both thrust faults and normal were shown to occur in the region. A discussion of the geologic setting of southeastern Spain is given along with the results of the phototectonic analysis.

J.M.S.

**N80-10549\*#** Ain Shams Univ., Cairo (Egypt).  
**EAST-WEST PERSIVE LINEAMENTS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN SPAIN**

Mohamed A. Abdel-Rahman /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 149-156 refs

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The lineament pattern of central and southeastern Spain was detected on photographs taken during the Apollo-Soyuz mission. The obliquity of these photographs made possible the recognition of previously unnoticed structures. The true color of the photographs also aided in identifying the lineaments. Statistical analysis indicated that the lineament pattern was not random and must be caused by geological factors. Three lineament trends

were identified. In decreasing order of significance, these were east-west, northeast, and northwest. Faults in this region were traced from a geological map, and their strikes were analyzed and found to include two preferred orientations, a northeasterly trend and a west-northwesterly trend; the first trend was more prominent.

Author

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**PHOTOLOGIC ANALYSIS OF ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LAKE TORRENS-FLINDERS RANGES-LAKE BLANCHE AREA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Paul Dean Proctor and Robert Sickler /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 157-181 refs

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Excellent ASTP color prints and transparencies of the North Flinders Ranges and the adjacent Lake Torrens-Lake Blanche basin areas of South Australia were analyzed to determine the characteristics of the regional fold structures. Major folds, faults, and other lineaments were identified. Tectonic patterns and their relationships to mobile belt-plate tectonics were examined. In addition, basin forms and features were analyzed and related to the desert environment of the area. Possible rock types and the character of the widespread alluvial materials surrounding the bedrock areas were predicted. An interpretive photogeologic map covering the area of the ASTP photographs was produced.

J.M.S.

**N80-10551\*#** Arizona State Univ., Tempe.  
**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS AND ASTROBLEMES**

R. S. Dietz and J. F. McHone (Illinois Univ. at Urbana-Champaign) /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 183-202 refs

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Apollo crewmembers, while searching for circular ground features, observed and photographed astroblemes (ancient impact scars) in Brazil and Libya, and volcanoes in Italy, the Galapagos Islands, and Mexico. The Brazilian site was previously unknown to impact scientists, and photographic measurements of the Libyan structure proved larger than measurements made by earth-based investigators. Plumes of active volcanoes in Italy were traced great distances, and the inaccessible Galapago Islands were viewed synoptically. In Mexico, a feature that had been previously identified as a possible meteorite impact site was found to be formed by a volcanic steam explosion.

Author

**N80-10552\*#** Illinois Univ. at Urbana-Champaign.  
**RIACHAO RING, BRAZIL: A POSSIBLE METEORITE CRATER DISCOVERED BY THE APOLLO ASTRONAUTS**  
J. F. McHone /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 193-202 refs

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In north-central Brazil, the Apollo crewmembers photographed a 4 km wide circular ground pattern. Although the feature was not visible on airborne radar and in near-infrared satellite images, it was clearly seen from space in the visible part of the spectrum. A ground reconnaissance of this location and of a second circular structure nearby strongly supports a meteoritic origin for both sites.

Author

**N80-10555\*#** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.  
**PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF COLOR VARIATIONS OF SAND DEPOSITS IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT**  
Farouk El-Baz, Marie H. Slezak, and Ted A. Maxwell /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 237-262 refs

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Astronaut observations and photographs of color variations in the Western Desert of Egypt are related to both iron oxide coating on individual grains and the presence of locally derived material in the sand deposits. The northern region of the Western

Desert has the highest percentage of calcareous grains originating from local limestone outcrops. Samples from the central part of the Western Desert contain numerous iron-rich grains originating from the iron deposits of Bahariya and are locally enriched in shale fragments from the Dakhla Shale. Sands of the Great Sand Sea are relatively homogeneous, quartz-rich deposits that vary little in percentage of minor components.

R.E.S.

**N80-10557\*** # Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

**ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOUTHEASTERN ANGOLA**

Delia M. Warner / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 273-283 refs

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Apollo-Soyuz photographs of southeastern Angola were studied to provide a preliminary description of landforms in this remote and sparsely populated region. These photographs were useful in distinguishing drainage patterns, lineament trends, rock types, and the distribution of unusual play-like features. Author

**N80-10558\*** # Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

**COLOR OF DESERT SURFACES IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA**

Farouk El-Baz / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 285-299 refs

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A detailed analysis of the Apollo-Soyuz photographs is presented. The following facts were established: (1) available charts and maps can be updated using the orbital photographs, particularly of coastal zones; (2) geologic maps can be improved by use of the natural color photographs, which clearly delineate major geologic features and their characteristics; (3) the photographs can be used in characterizing sand fields and classifying dune forms; and (4) enlargements of the photographs can be useful in detailed studies of small areas, such as the city of Ad Dawhah (Doha), Qatar, and its environs.

M.M.M.

**N80-10559\*** # Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

**MONTE DESERT OF SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA, AS PHOTOGRAPHED BY ASTP**

Delia M. Warner and Farouk El-Baz / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 301-318 refs

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The photographs by the ASTP reveal that the physiographic setting of the study area is characterized by mountain-and-bolson topography controlled mainly by faulting. Most of the lineaments detected on the photographs appear to correspond to faults, and some of them may provide evidence of recent fault movement in the area. Typical topographic features include barren, deeply dissected block mountains bordered by slopes of alluvial materials that descent to a flat-floored desert basin. M.M.M.

**N80-10560\*** # Geological Survey, Flagstaff, Ariz.

**DUNES AND OTHER WINDFORMS OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA, AND A COMPARISON WITH LINEAR DUNES ON THE MOENKOPI PLATEAU, ARIZONA**

C. S. Breed and W. J. Breed (Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff) / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 319-358 refs

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Internal structures of linear dunes that were examined in central Australia and in northern Arizona are mainly medium-scale, thin cross-beds or cross-laminae with dips commonly less than 20 deg. Astronauts aboard the Apollo spacecraft identified the same hue, chroma, and value of red sand in dunes of central Australia that ground survey teams found in the main body of the Simpson Desert. Ground examination confirms that within each field of dunes, relative degrees of redness can help discern sequences of depositional events in that area (given a uniform

sand supply and climatic zone). It was concluded that reconnaissance from space is ideal for identifying key sites for field studies of specific geomorphic problems in remote desert regions.

M.M.M.

**N80-10571\*** # Ain Shams Univ., Cairo (Egypt).

**DETECTION OF A PROBABLE ANCESTRAL DELTA OF THE NILE RIVER**

Mohamed A. Abdel-Rahman and Farouk El-Baz (Smithsonian Institution) / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 511-520 refs

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Interpretation of a near vertical Apollo Soyuz photograph of the present Nile Delta in northern Egypt is presented. The interpretation determines an ancestral delta of the Nile River. The limits, shape, position, and age of the ancestral Nile Delta are identified. The mineralogy of the delta is reported and the geochemistry data is analyzed.

A.W.H.

**N80-11527\*** # Joint Publications Research Service, Arlington, Va.

**GEOPHYSICS, ASTRONOMY AND SPACE, NO. 450**

2 Aug. 1979 47 p refs Transl. into ENGLISH from selected Russian articles

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Articles concerning the earth's crust under the ocean, and the upper atmosphere are reported.

**N80-12482** Technische Universitaet, Munich (West Germany).

**QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF MORPHOLOGICAL STRUCTURES IN SAND BANK REGIONS FROM IMAGE STRUCTURE ANALYSIS [QUANTITATIVE ERFASSUNG MORPHOLOGISCHER STRUKTUREN IN WATTGEBIETEN DURCH ANWENDUNG VON VERFAHREN DER BILD-STRUKTURANALYSE]**

U. Wieczorek / In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 153-164 refs In GERMAN

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Several factors must be taken into consideration: variations in the altitude of the sun, the position of the object in the image field, the release of residual water from the sand bank's surface, drying out of the sand bank, and relief characteristics (micro, intermediate and macro features). Surface and texture variations are discussed. The way in which the problems encountered are overcome is described together with the computerized treatment of the data obtained. Examples are given.

Author (ESA)

**N80-12483** Technische Universitaet, Munich (West Germany).

**MAKING MORPHOLOGICAL MAPS OF SAND BANKS FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS [MORPHOLOGISCHE WATTKARTIERUNG NACH LUFTBILDERN]**

C. Franke / In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 165-182 refs In GERMAN

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Different current distribution and direction regions can be distinguished in aerial photographs of water sand banks. These regions correspond to different sedimentary dispositions of the sand bank surfaces. The materials and methods used are described together with the interpretation of color and texture characteristics. Studies of the Crildumensiel sand banks are treated in detail; the corresponding are given and interpreted.

Author (ESA)

**N80-12521\*** # Geological Survey, Denver, Colo. Petrophysics and Remote Sensing Branch.

**GEOLOGIC APPLICATION OF THERMAL-INERTIA MAPPING FROM SATELLITE Progress Report, 1 Jun. - 31 Aug. 1979**

## 04 GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Terry W. Offield, Principal Investigator, Susanne H. Miller, and Kenneth Watson Aug. 1979 14 p Sponsored by NASA ERTS  
(E80-10005: NASA-CR-162382) Avail: NTIS  
HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08B

**N80-13612#** National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.

**REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY. A BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH ABSTRACTS Progress Report, 1973 - Jul. 1979**

Audrey S. Hundemann Aug. 1979 189 p Updates NTIS/PS-76/0500 Supersedes NTIS/PS-78/0791; NTIS/PS-77/0676 (NTIS/PS-79/0844/5; NTIS/PS-78/0791; NTIS/PS-77/0676)  
Avail: NTIS HC \$28.00/MF \$28.00 CSCL 08G

The use of LANDSAT satellites and other remote sensing methods in geological and mineralogical applications is discussed. Abstracts cover rock and soil mapping, terrain analysis, direct and indirect mineral exploration, fault tectonics, and general geologic studies of various countries. A few abstracts pertain to equipment and techniques used in the studies. This updated bibliography contains 180 abstracts, 33 of which are new entries to the previous edition. GRA

**N80-13613#** New Mexico Univ., Albuquerque. Technology Application Center.

**REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO GEOLOGY. CITATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE ABSTRACTS DATA BASE Progress Report, 1977 - Jun. 1979**

Gerald F. Zollars Aug. 1979 53 p Sponsored by NTIS (NTIS/PS-79/0822/1) Avail: NTIS HC \$28.00/MF \$28.00 CSCL 08G

This bibliography cites 215 articles concerning LANDSAT images, satellite-borne photography, aerial photography, and radar techniques being used to conduct geological surveys. Articles concerning photomapping and photo interpretation techniques relating to resource exploration are stressed. GRA

**N80-15528\*#** Stanford Univ., Calif. School of Applied Earth Sciences.

**GEOLOGICAL AND GEOTHERMAL DATA USE INVESTIGATIONS FOR APPLICATION EXPLORER MISSION-A, HEAT CAPACITY MAPPING MISSION Progress Report, 1 Jul. - 30 Sep. 1979**

R. J. P. Lyon and A. E. Prelat, Principal Investigators 30 Sep. 1979 2 p ERTS  
(Contract NAS5-24232)  
(E80-10033: NASA-CR-162444) Avail: NTIS  
HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08G

**N80-15529\*#** Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

**GEOLOGIC APPLICATION OF THERMAL INERTIA IMAGING USING HCMM DATA Quarterly Report, Jul. - Sep. 1979**

Helen N. Paley, Anne B. Kahle, and Stuart E. Marsh, Principal Investigators Nov. 1979 5 p ERTS  
(Contract NAS7-100)  
(E80-10035: NASA-CR-162446) Avail: NTIS  
HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08G

## OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESOURCES

Includes sea-surface temperature, ocean bottom surveying imagery, drift rates, sea ice and icebergs, sea state, fish location.

**A80-10116**      **Optical methods for investigating oceans and inland basins (Opticheskie metody izucheniia okeanov i vnutrennikh vodoemov).** Edited by G. I. Galazii (Akademiia Nauk SSSR, Limnologicheskii Institut, Listvenichnoe, USSR) and K. S. Shifrin (Akademiia Nauk SSSR, Institut Okeanologii, Moscow, USSR). Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979. 373 p. In Russian.

The book deals with the application of visible and infrared optical methods to the study of oceans and inland waters. Some aspects of oceanographic optics and remote sensing are examined, along with the color and spectrum of the outgoing light as a means of evaluating the oceanic chlorophyll and suspensions. Optical methods of studying swell, pollution, and radiation temperature are outlined. V.P.

**A80-10731 \* #**      **New developments in satellite oceanography and current measurements.** N. E. Huang (NASA, Wallops Flight Center, Wallops Island, Va.). (*International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, General Assembly, 17th, Canberra, Australia, Dec. 2-15, 1979.*) *Reviews of Geophysics and Space Physics*, vol. 17, Oct. 1979, p. 1558-1568. 175 refs.

Principal satellite remote sensing techniques and instruments are described and attention is given to the application of such techniques to ocean current measurement. The use of radiometers, satellite tracking drifters, and altimeters for current measurement is examined. Consideration is also given to other applications of satellite remote sensing in physical oceanography, including measurements of surface wind stress, sea state, tides, ice, sea surface temperature, salinity, ocean color, and oceanic leveling. B.J.

**A80-11750 #**      **Use of satellites in polar meteorology (Utilisation de satellites en météorologie polaire).** A. Poggi (CNRS, Laboratoire de Glaciologie, Grenoble, France). In: Data collection and location by satellite; Workshop on ARGOS Utilization, Toulouse, France, March 28, 29, 1979, Proceedings. Toulouse, Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, 1979. 5 p. 16 refs. In French.

The study of atmosphere-ice-ocean interaction in East Antarctica which will use newly developed satellite systems is presented. In particular, the ARGOS system will provide quick access to data transmitted by platforms deployed on the Antarctic continent over an area bordered by the Terre Adélie coast and extending 1000 km inland. The Landsat imagery will be used to study pack ice, and the Nimbus meteorological satellite data will be utilized to characterize the lower troposphere over the area under study. It will also determine ice surface temperatures and the radiation balance, but the platform data (surface pressure and temperature) may also be used as a reference for the correction of satellite information. A.T.

**A80-13129 \***      **Chlorophyll gradient map from high-altitude ocean-color-scanner data.** H. H. Kim, C. R. McClain (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.), and W. D. Hart (Science Systems and Applications, Inc., Lanham, Md.). *Applied Optics*, vol. 18, Nov. 15, 1979, p. 3715, 3716.

A chlorophyll density map of an ocean area 25 x 30 km is presented, and the procedure used in generating the map from high-altitude ocean-color-scanner data is discussed. Data were ob-

tained from a ten-channel radiometer on board a U-2 aircraft flying at 19.8 km above the coastal waters of Monterey Bay, California under conditions of clear skies and clear and deep water; the processing algorithms should be useful for satellite data as well. The total radiance measured at high altitude was separated into an atmospheric and sea-surface component and a water component, which is associated with chlorophyll content, for each pixel using the upwelling radiance of a near IR channel to estimate the atmospheric effect. Chlorophyll data were extracted by taking the ratio of the difference of intensities in the 472 and 506 nm channels to the sum of the channels, and are found to agree with shipboard chlorophyll determinations at a depth of 5 m. A.L.W.

**A80-14467 \* #**      **Synthetic aperture radar imaging of moving ocean waves.** C. T. Swift (NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.) and L. R. Wilson. *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation*, vol. AP-27, Nov. 1979, p. 725-729. 8 refs.

A theory for the radar imaging of ocean waves is presented under the assumptions that a swell propagates through an ensemble of Bragg scatterers and that the integration time of the synthetic aperture radar (SAR) is small compared to the angular velocity of the swell. Results are presented which show image development and distortions caused by the radial velocities and accelerations of the swell. Neglecting small wave bunching and tilts due to the longer underlying waves, and considering only one-dimensional geometries, the mechanism of wave motions are considered and their efforts on the production of the usual intensity pattern representing the wave image are studied. The analysis shows that in certain situations a processed image can appear which has twice the spatial period of the actual long wave on the ocean, which can confuse the interpretation of ocean wave analysis. (Author)

**A80-20260**      **Aerial photographic methods for the detection of submerged vegetation in coastal New Jersey.** C. E. Ogrosky (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 423-430. 14 refs. NOAA-supported research.

Cost-effective methods for an aerial inventory of submerged beds of vegetation 2 hectares or more in area using 35 mm film/filter/exposure combinations and the effects of environmental conditions on image interpretability were developed. Ektachrome 200 Professional (daylight) and Ektachrome IR film were tested, where the natural color Ektachrome 200 film with Wratten No. 4 or 8 filtration, exposed at +1 or +2 f-stop(s) at an altitude of 1500 m, gave reasonable image densities and target definition of 1:27000 scale transparencies, making possible the detection of submerged vegetation at depths of up to 2 m in the highly turbid waters. The mapped distribution of submerged beds in a test area correlated well with ground truth data, demonstrating the potential usefulness of aerial photographic methods for the delineation of marine plant resources in a comprehensive statewide estuarine survey. (Author)

**A80-20938**      **The structure and variability of shelf sea fronts as observed by an undulating CTD system.** C. M. Allen (Liverpool, University, Liverpool, England), J. H. Simpson (Marine Science Laboratories, Anglesey, Wales), and R. M. Carson (Nairobi, University, Nairobi, Kenya). *Oceanologica Acta*, vol. 3, Jan. 1980, p. 59-68. 18 refs.

Detailed observations of the structure of shelf sea fronts have been made by means of an undulating towed CTD. The high resolution data reveal a complex pattern of variability in both space and time; seasonal development and the effects of wind stirring on the frontal structure are also illustrated. An estimate of the variation in the efficiency of tidal mixing,  $\epsilon$ , on the basis of the observed

potential energy, (V), distribution is suggestive of a positive feedback process in the establishment of stratification. Such a process would be consistent with recent observations which show that the fronts do not adjust significantly during the spring-neaps cycle as predicted by the vertical mixing model of James (1977). (Author)

**A80-15893** Remote sensing of sea-state and surface winds in the Irish and Celtic seas using MF radar. W. A. Sandham, E. D. R. Shearman, and D. J. Bagwell (Birmingham, University, Birmingham, England). In: International Conference on Antennas and Propagation, London, England, November 28-30, 1978, Proceedings. Part 2. London, Institution of Electrical Engineers, 1978, p. 1-5. 7 refs. Research supported by the Science Research Council.

The potential of ground-wave radar with high-resolution spectral analysis for sea-state sensing and surface current measurements is outlined and some experiments with a MF radar on a peninsular site in the UK are presented. Analysis of the observations made with an omnidirectional antenna shows that at such a site, ground attenuation limits the sector of ocean surveyed. Directional observations were made by two synthetic aperture techniques. A new technique using synthetic aperture measurements and bistatic geometry is also briefly discussed. V.T.

**A80-16247** Gulf stream boundary eddies off the east coast of Florida. F. M. Vukovich, B. W. Crissman, M. Bushnell, and W. J. King (Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, N.C.). *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, vol. 9, Nov. 1979, p. 1214-1222. 11 refs. Contract No. EF-77-C-05-05444.

Satellite infrared data and in situ data were used to study eddies off the east coast of Florida. The surface thermal manifestation of the eddies identified in the infrared data were alternating cold and warm tongues, conforming to the cyclonic spin-off eddies observed by Lee (1975); however, the eddies identified in the satellite data were larger than those observed by Lee. Statistics derived from the satellite data indicated that the eddies had average major and minor axes of 136 and 36 km, respectively, assuming an elliptic shape. They moved northward at an average speed of 30 km/day, and the average period was 9 days. (Author)

**A80-19541 \*** Remote sensing for water quality and biological measurements in coastal waters. R. W. Johnson and R. C. Harriss (NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.). *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, vol. 46, Jan. 1980, p. 77-85. 36 refs.

Recent remote sensing experiments in the United States' coastal waters indicate that certain biological and water quality parameters have distinctive spectral characteristics. Data outputs from remote sensors, to date, include: (1) high resolution measurements to determine concentrations and distributions of total suspended particulates, temperature, salinity, chlorophyll a, and phytoplankton color group associations from airborne and/or satellite platforms, and (2) low resolution measurements of total suspended solids, temperature, ocean color, and possibly chlorophyll from satellite platforms. A summary of platforms, sensors and parameters measured is given. Remote sensing, especially when combined with conventional oceanographic research methods, can be useful in such high priority research areas as estuarine and continental shelf sediment transport dynamics, transport and fate of marine pollutants, marine phytoplankton dynamics, and ocean fronts. V.L.

**A80-20095 #** The study of the ocean from space (Issledovanie okeana iz kosmosa). B. V. Novogrudskii, V. E. Skliarov, K. N. Fedorov, and K. S. Shifrin. Leningrad, Gidrometeoizdat, 1978. 55 p. 104 refs. In Russian.

The application of earth satellites and manned spacecraft to the study of the world's oceans is reviewed. Attention is given to the atmospheric transfer function in the visible, near-IR, middle-IR and microwave regions and the use of satellites in ocean data acquisition and transmission systems. The measurement of sea level and the topography of the ocean surface by means of orbital radar altimeters is discussed, together with IR and microwave measurements of ocean surface temperature and the study of surface roughness, surface evidence of internal waves, oil pollution and ice fields. Consideration is also given to the determination of ocean chlorophyll content and color distribution, coastal region characteristics, ocean salinity and other biological parameters from space. A.L.W.

**N80-10562\*#** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D. C.

## INTERPRETING ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OCEAN AND LOCATING THE AREA PHOTOGRAPHED, CASE STUDY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

G. A. Maul / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 371-383 refs

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Some of the Skylab recommendations relative to the problem of locating the ocean area obtained in the handheld-camera photographs and the problem of interpreting data in the space photographs by comparison with shipboard observations that were acquired at approximately the same time are discussed. Based on Skylab experience, the frequently observed circular cloud features were thought of as indicators of mesoscale turbulence in ocean currents. It was found that the features could be consistently explained as being attributable entirely to atmospheric changes and that the features were not associated with cold-core ocean eddies. M.M.M.

**N80-10563\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

## VISUAL OBSERVATIONS OVER OCEANS

R. D. Terry (Richard Terry and Assoc.) / In its Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 385-407 refs

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Important factors in locating, identifying, describing, and photographing ocean features from space are presented. On the basis of crew comments and other findings, the following recommendations can be made for Earth observations on Space Shuttle missions: (1) flyover exercises must include observations and photography of both temperate and tropical/subtropical waters; (2) sunglint must be included during some observations of ocean features; (3) imaging remote sensors should be used together with conventional photographic systems to document visual observations; (4) greater consideration must be given to scheduling earth observation targets likely to be obscured by clouds; and (5) an annotated photographic compilation of ocean features can be used as a training aid before the mission and as a reference book during space flight. M.M.M.

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## ANTIPODAL SEAS

Robert E. Stevenson / In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 409-429 refs

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An oceanographic experiment was conducted to learn: (1) whether or not astronauts could be trained to observe specific ocean features from space; (2) the variability of certain sea surface conditions in time and space; and (3) the role that these ocean features play in our understanding of synoptic oceanography. Sea surface and subsurface data to be compared to astronaut observations were collected by ships and aircraft from waters east of Australia, north of New Zealand, east of Ireland, and



east of Spain. The analysis show that observations by man from orbiting space platforms have an important role in the development of synoptic oceanography. K.L.

**N80-10565\*#** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.  
**MALTESE FRONT AND STRAIT OF SICILY OCEAN PATTERN ANALYSIS**

Daniel Jean Stanley /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 431-440 refs

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Ocean surface phenomena related to turbulence, including possible internal waves, are observed in Apollo-Soyuz Test Project color photographs of the eastern part of the Strait of Sicily between Djerba and the southeastern corner of Sicily. The convergence of the eastward flowing, less saline upper water of Atlantic origin and the dense intermediate water flowing underneath it in the opposite direction gives rise to the Maltese Front clearly visible off Cape Passero, Sicily. The investigation shows that the geographic position of these ocean surface features is in part related to sea floor topography. The vertical coverage made from an altitude of 226 km allows good definition of turbulence phenomena and serves to supplement earlier physical oceanographic observations made of the central region of the Mediterranean Sea. K.L.

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**OCEAN COLOR OBSERVATIONS**

C. S. Yentsch, W. Skea, J. C. Laird, and T. S. Hopkins /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 441-454 refs

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Apollo astronauts were briefed on four features that could alter ocean color: (1) phytoplankton chlorophyll; (2) dissolved yellow substance; (3) suspended sediments; and (4) bottom reflection. Before and during the Apollo-Soyuz mission, the crew was alerted to the possibility of a red tide occurrence along the coast of New England. They were unable to obtain useful photographs because of heavy fog and cloud cover. The astronauts were successful in observing ocean discolorations, and their verbal comments indicate that they were aware of the causes and sources of these color changes. Experience on this mission suggests that ground crews can work with astronauts in attempts to locate discolorations and to determine their extent and their sources. K.L.

**N80-10568\*#** McGill Univ., Montreal (Quebec).

**ASTP AT BARBADOS: MESOSCALE POOLS OF AMAZON RIVER WATER IN THE WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC**

G. Borstad /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 481-497 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08H

Sea surface data was obtained at Barbados for temperature, salinity, chlorophyll concentration, clarity, color, and plankton concentration. The data suggest a successive passage of pools of brackish Amazon River water until late August. Hence, it is unlikely that the discolored water observed by the Apollo crew during the Apollo Soyuz Test Project was due to the Orinoco River. The expansive freshening of the Western Tropical Atlantic by brown colored Amazon water in July would mask any effect by the smaller Orinoco. K.L.

**N80-10569\*#** Bigelow Lab. for Ocean Sciences, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

**ESTIMATE OF TOTAL REFLECTANCE FROM THE ORINOCO RIVER OUTFLOW**

C. S. Yentsch and Farouk El-Baz (Smithsonian Institution) /In

NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 499-503 refs

(Contracts NAS5-22948; E(11-1)-2538)

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The Orinoco River Delta was photographed by Apollo astronauts. The photographs show discrete water color zones that reflect the mixing of the sediment laden Orinoco outflow with the water of the tropical Atlantic. A datacolor/edge enhancer analysis, assuming a 5-percent reflectance value for the open ocean water, showed the reflectance of the area varied between 4 percent for the jungle and approximately 13 percent for sediment laden river outflow. These values approximate those obtained by direct measurements of the Mississippi River Delta water. The results confirm that the reflectance from coastal waters is not high enough to saturate instruments onboard unmanned satellites such as the Coastal Zone Scanner. K.L.

**N80-10570\*#** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Seattle, Wash.

**OBSERVATIONS OF INTERNAL-WAVE SURFACE SIGNATURES IN ASTP PHOTOGRAPHS**

John R. Apel /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 505-509 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08C

Three Apollo Soyuz Test Project photographs are presented which show indications of oceanic internal gravity waves. The features are indicated by periodic changes in the optical reflectivity of the ocean surface overlying the waves. Position and conditions of the internal wave photographs are presented and theories of the structure and existence of the surface signatures are reviewed. A.W.H.

**N80-10573\*#** Environmental Defense Fund, Inc., Denver, Colo.  
**USE OF APOLLO-SOYUZ PHOTOGRAPHS IN COASTAL STUDIES**

M. T. El-Ashry /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 531-543 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08J

The use of spaceborne photography in coastal studies is examined. Apollo Soyuz photographs of coastal zones are provided to demonstrate various areas of application in coastal studies. These include shoreline features such as barrier islands, beach ridges, salt marshes, tidal inlets, and tidal deltas; shoreline changes including identification of major areas of erosion or accretion and prediction of future changes along rapidly-changing shorelines; and information regarding littoral drift. A.W.H.

**N80-10583#** Coast Guard Research and Development Center, Groton, Conn.

**LONG-TERM TRACKING OF ARCTIC ICEBERGS Final Report**

R. Q. Robe and D. C. Maier Apr. 1979 41 p refs

(AD-A072473; CGR/DC-8/79; USCG-D-36-79) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08/12

Seven Greenland icebergs were tracked, two in 1977 and five in 1978, using ADRAMS (Air-Deployable Random Access Measurement System) ice buoys. The ice buoys transmit a signal to the NIMBUS-6 satellite which is used in computing the buoy's position. Observation periods ranged from 138 days to 202 days. The tracking of two icebergs began near Disko Island, Greenland, and the tracking of the other five began on the Baffin Island side of Baffin Bay near Davis Straits. The icebergs initially located near Disko Island did not appear to be influenced by any well-defined current system, the drift track of each was erratic and the drift speeds generally less than 0.20 m/s. The icebergs initially located along the coast of Baffin Island followed the prevailing currents southward. These icebergs drifted at speeds as high as 0.8 m/s with model speeds generally falling between 0.10 m/s and 0.20 m/s. Groundings occurred frequently occupying 40 percent of the observed time. Data processing

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methods, accuracy of the ice buoy system, and a detailed analysis of each iceberg's drift is presented. It was estimated using the drift data obtained, that approximately 190 days are needed for an average size iceberg to travel the 1100 nautical miles from Cape Dyer, Baffin Island, to the outer limits of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. GRA

### **N80-11532\*# Battelle Columbus Labs., Ohio. SEASAT DEMONSTRATION EXPERIMENTS WITH THE OFFSHORE OIL, GAS AND MINING INDUSTRIES Final Report**

A. G. Mourad, A. C. Robinson, and J. E. Balon Nov. 1979  
145 p refs

(Contract NASw-2800)

(NASA-CR-162423; BCL-OA-TFR-79-6) Avail: NTIS  
HC A07/MF A01 CSCL 05B

Despite its failure, SEASAT-1 acquired a reasonable volume of data that can be used by industrial participants on a non-real-time basis to prove the concept of microwave sensing of the world's oceans from a satellite platform. The amended version of 8 experimental plans are presented, along with a description of the satellite, its instruments, and the data available. Case studies are summarized for the following experiments: (1) Beaufort Sea oil, gas, and Arctic operations; (2) Labrador Sea oil, gas, and sea ice; (3) Gulf of Mexico pipelines; (4) U.S. East Coast offshore oil and gas; (5) worldwide offshore drilling and production operations; (6) Equatorial East Pacific Ocean mining; (7) Bering Sea ice project; and (8) North Sea oil and gas. A.R.H.

**N80-12479** Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut, Hamburg (West Germany).

### **RESEARCH INTO DETERMINING CHEMICAL PARAMETERS AT THE SURFACE OF THE SEA BY REMOTE SENSING [UNTERSUCHUNG ZUR BESTIMMUNG CHEMISCHER PARAMETER VON DER MEERESOBERFLAECHE DURCH FERNERKUNDUNG]**

D. Schmidt and K. Struebing /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas.  
from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 131-138 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

In the example selected, regularly introduced quantities of waste solution released by a titanium dioxide fabricant situated in northwest Helgoland since 1969 are studied. Remarkable coloration phenomena are observed; these phenomena have been investigated over a period of several years. Measurements made in the sea and results from aerial and satellite photography are discussed together with image analysis techniques. Images of ships' wakes and their digital treatment are presented.

Author (ESA)

**N80-12516** Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut, Hamburg (West Germany).

### **DETERMINATION OF THE OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SEA IN THE GERMAN BIGHT [MEERESOPTISCHE UNTERSUCHUNGEN IN DER DEUTSCHEN BUCHT]**

H. Gienapp /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun.  
1978 p 471-492 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

The spectral distribution, transmission scattering, and CIE coordinate characteristics of the sea were investigated in the framework of the 1976 FMP program. The region between Helgoland and Sylt, and the Elb estuary were studied. The sea on the southern boundary of the Verklappung's region was shown to be very dirty. Relations between color metric magnitudes Gelbstoff, Chlorophyll, and suspended matter contents were shown to exist. Comparisons were made with ERTS satellite photographs. A high degree of correlation in some of these relations was seen for the Elb estuary. The DIBIAS system is used in the calculations performed. Author (ESA)

**N80-12535\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

### **OCEAN CHLOROPHYLL STUDIES FROM A U-2 AIRCRAFT PLATFORM**

Hongsuk H. Kim, Charles R. McClain, Lamdin R. Blaine, William D. Hart (Sci. Systems and Applications, Inc., Lanham, Md.), Larry P. Atkinson (Skidaway Inst. of Oceanography, Savannah, Ga.), and James A. Yoder (Skidaway Inst. of Oceanography, Savannah, Ga.) Aug. 1979 37 p refs

(NASA-TM-80574) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08J

Chlorophyll gradient maps of large ocean areas were generated from U-2 ocean color scanner data obtained over test sites in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The delineation of oceanic features using the upward radiant intensity relies on an analysis method which presupposes that radiation backscattered from the atmosphere and ocean surface can be properly modeled using a measurement made at 778 nm. An estimation of the chlorophyll concentration was performed by properly ratioing radiances measured at 472 nm and 548 nm after removing the atmospheric effects. The correlation between the remotely sensed data and in-situ surface chlorophyll measurements was validated in two sets of data. The results show that the correlation between the in-situ measured chlorophyll and the derived quantity is a negative exponential function and the correlation coefficient was calculated to be -0.965. R.E.S.

**N80-12546#** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D. C.

### **SEASAT: GULF OF ALASKA EXPERIMENT. SURFACE TRUTH DATA INVENTORY**

John C. Wilkerson and S. Lynn McNutt 15 Feb. 1979 100 p

(PB-294616; NOAA-79031609) Avail: NTIS  
HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 05B

An experiment designed to collect in situ physical oceanographic and meteorological data for verification and evaluation of SEASAT sensor performance is described. The experiment was carried out from ships, aircraft, and buoys. An inventory of all physical oceanographic and meteorological surface truth data collected during the experiment from each of the participating platforms is presented. J.M.S.

**N80-13753\*#** EG and G Washington Analytical Services Center, Riverdale, Md.

### **A STUDY OF POSSIBLE SEA STATE INFORMATION IN THE SAMPLE AND HOLD GATE STATISTICS FOR THE GEOS-3 SATELLITE ALTIMETER Final Report**

W. T. Wells, K. L. Borman, R. D. Mitchell (RCA/Missile and Surface Radar Div., Moorestown, N.J.), and D. J. Dempsey (RCA/Missile and Surface Radar Div., Moorestown, N.J.) Sep. 1979 36 p refs

(Contract NAS6-2497)

(NASA-CR-156858) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08C

The statistical variations in the sample gate outputs of the GEOS-3 satellite altimeter were studied for possible sea state information. After examination of a large number of statistical characteristics of the altimeter waveforms, it was found that the best sea predictor for H-1/3 in the range of 0 to 3 meters was the 75th percentile of sample and hold gate number 11. R.E.S.

**N80-14390#** Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Bay St. Louis, Mo. Mapping, Charting and Geodesy Development Group.

### **OPERATING SCENARIO FOR A HYDROGRAPHIC AIR- BORNE LASER SOUNDER (HALS) Interim Report**

H. J. Byrnes May 1979 36 p refs

(AD-A073872; NORDA-TN-34) Avail: NTIS  
HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08/10

This note is intended to acquaint interested parties with the anticipated deployment of Hydrographic Airborne Laser Sounder (HALS). Data acquisition, data processing, data reduction rationale.

data density, test results, and environmental considerations are covered. The document is intended primarily as presolicitation information for the HALS procurement. GRA

**N80-14663#** Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.  
**A STUDY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OCEANIC CHEMICAL MESOSCALE AND SEA SURFACE THERMAL STRUCTURE AS DETECTED BY SATELLITE INFRARED IMAGERY** M.S. Thesis

Don Alan Nestor Jun. 1979 93 p refs  
 (AD-A074186) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 08/10  
 In recent years the study of ocean fronts and eddies has become increasingly important to the U.S. Navy for they are of vital importance in understanding underwater sound transmission. From the history of satellite pictures for the area of the ocean off the central California coast, it appears that cold water which has come to the surface as a result of upwelling has become intertwined within the California current. The persistent thermal features in the sea surface which are formed were the subject area of this study. Direct telephone contact was established with the satellite receiving station which afforded real time satellite information as to the thermal structure of the sea surface on a mesoscale. This satellite sensed thermal structure was then compared with in situ nutrient and temperature data collected on three cruises on board the research vessel ACANIA. The agreement between the in situ data and the satellite imagery was very strong and the utilization of satellite imagery was shown to be a very effective method to localize an ocean front. GRA

**N80-14664#** Polar Research Lab., Inc., Santa Barbara, Calif.  
**ARCTIC RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL ACOUSTICS (AREA). TECHNICAL REPORT NO. 8: ARCTIC LEAD-AIRDROP DATA BUOY**

Beaumont M. Buck, Samuel P. Burke, and John O. Anderson  
 25 Jul. 1979 22 p refs  
 (Contract N00014-79-C-0042)  
 (AD-A074731; PRL-TR-8) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20/1

Arctic data buoys are capable of data collection that is impractical of accomplishment by manned-station techniques primarily because of high logistics costs. These cost differentials can be even further reduced by buoy paradrop. Size, weight, and power limit the usefulness of such devices, but their most serious drawback has been automatic deployment of sensors under the ice. A new concept which employs a data buoy that is designed for airdrop into open water leads of opportunity, is powered for up to a year's life, and uses the new TIROS-N ARGOS system for position and data recovery which offers promise in solving these problems. The configuration of the buoy, called 'LAD' (Lead Air Droppable), is described along with the results of preliminary Arctic field tests of the concept. Because of the limited nature of those tests, viability of the approach is not yet established, and additional trials are planned for spring 1980. GRA

**N80-14665#** Naval Research Lab., Washington, D. C. Space Science Div.

**OCEAN WAVE SPECTROMETER MEASUREMENTS IN THE GULF STREAM EXPERIMENT** Final Report

Davidson T. Chen, Donald L. Hammond, and Paul Bey 20 Aug. 1979 54 p refs  
 (WF52553000; RR0310343)

(AD-A074369; AD-E000321; NRL-MR-4070) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 08/3

By assuming finite conducting, Gaussian-distributed, statistically stationary and homogeneous ocean surface, the ocean wave spectrometer measurements made in the Gulf Stream Experiment have demonstrated the capability of inferring the directional wave number slope spectra by using the specular point model for look-angles of less than 20 degrees. These measurements have also demonstrated the necessity of independent measurements of wind direction, mean square surface slope, and foam and spray. The results also indicate that at least four independent directional measurements with spatial resolution of 0.1 meters

or smaller and spatial coverage of 750 to 1000 meters are necessary. GRA

**N80-15543#** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Miami, Fla. Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Labs.  
**SURVEY OF SATELLITE SENSORS AND DATA WITH APPLICATION TO OTEC RESOURCE AND OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

George A. Maul, Fred M. Vukovich, Mark Bushnell, and Bobby W. Crissman Mar. 1979 80 p refs  
 (PB-300297/9; NOAA-TM-ERL-AOML-37; NOAA-79081002)  
 Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 22A

The existing instruments and the capability of those instruments for observing geophysical variables that contribute to surface thermal resource fluctuations, the operating environment, and the impact of an ocean thermal energy conversion plant on the ocean are summarized. It is emphasized that remote sensing is not capable at this stage in its development to independently provide all the observations necessary for measurement of a given variable. Only an integrated in situ and remotely sensed measurement system can offer high quality data needed for environmental research. GRA

**N80-15603#** Research Triangle Inst., Research Triangle Park, N. C.

**SEA-SURFACE TEMPERATURE VARIABILITY ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL OTEC SITES UTILIZING SATELLITE DATA** Final Report

F. M. Vukovich, B. W. Crissman, M. Bushnell, and W. J. King Aug. 1978 159 p refs  
 (Contract EG-77-C-05-5444)  
 (ORO-5444-1) Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01

An analysis of the constancy of the sea-surface temperature in candidate locations for ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) siting was performed. Satellite infrared data were used to identify and locate major thermal fronts at the sea surface. These data were then used to glean certain statistics on these fronts. In situ data were used, when available, to determine temperature difference across specified thermal fronts. The study was performed in three regional locations of interest to OTEC. The specific regions are: Region I, Eastern Gulf of Mexico (bounded by 22 N to 30 N and 91 W to the west coast of Florida including the Straits of Florida); Region II, the east coast of Florida (bounded by 23 N to 32 N and the east coast of Florida to 79 W); and Region III, Puerto Rico and vicinity, (bounded by 17 to 19 N, 64 to 68 W). Results are presented and discussed. DOE

**N80-15772#** Environmental Data and Information Service, Washington, D. C.

**INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF OCEAN EXPLORATION, VOLUME 7 Progress Report, Apr. 1977 - Apr. 1978**

Oct. 1978 108 p refs  
 (NOAA-S/T-78-211-Vol-7) Avail: NTIS MF A01; SOD HC

A number of programs concerned with the use of the ocean and it's resources are presented. Specific programs dealing with environmental quality, improving environmental forecasting, expanding sea bed assessment activities, and developing an ocean monitoring system are described. Information, data inventories, and lists of scientific reports derived from U.S. IDOE projects are presented. A.W.H.

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Includes snow cover and water runoff in rivers and glaciers, saline intrusion, drainage analysis, geomorphology of river basins, land uses, and estuarine studies.

**A80-10125 #** Fundamentals of remote-sensing methods of measuring snow water equivalent and soil moisture from terrestrial gamma radiation (Osnovy distantsionnykh metodov izmereniia vlagozapasov v snege i vlazhnosti pochv po gamma-izlucheniui zemli). A. V. Dmitriev and Sh. D. Fridman. Leningrad, Gidrometeoizdat, 1979. 304 p. 99 refs. In Russian.

The book deals with experience and practical use of aerial measurements of snow water equivalent from passive terrestrial gamma radiation. The potentialities of such methods in the solution of various hydrological and agricultural-meteorological problems is discussed and the principles of snow gauging by airborne radiological surveys are examined. A gamma radiation system for aerial snow surveying is examined and the error of the system is assessed. V.P.

**A80-10370** Remote sensing study of seaward dispersion of estuary waters in the Gironde inlet and the Pertuis of Maumusson (Etude par télédétection de la dispersion en mer des eaux estuariennes issues de la Gironde et du Pertuis de Maumusson). P. Castaing (Bordeaux I, Université, Talence, Gironde, France), G. P. Allen, Y. Moign (Bretagne, Center Océanologique, Brest, France), and M. Houdart (Centre National pour l'Exploitation des Océans, Paris, France). *Oceanologica Acta*, vol. 2, Oct. 1979, p. 459-468. 18 refs. In French.

The present study was carried out in order to determine the nature of seaward dispersion of estuary waters and suspended sediments during spring tide and high river flow in the Gironde inlet area. On June 3, 1977, three flights were made over the inlet at mid-ebb, low tide, and mid-flood. Thermal IR coverage was obtained along with black and white photographs. These data were correlated with accompanying measurements of current velocity, salinity, temperature, and suspended sediment concentration. B.J.

**A80-15054** Use of satellite infrared data for geomorphology studies. S. R. Schneider, D. F. McGinnis, Jr., and J. A. Pritchard (NOAA, National Environmental Satellite Service, Washington, D.C.). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 313-330. 28 refs.

Enhanced nighttime thermal infrared imagery and digital data from a NOAA polar orbiting satellite were used to map drainage patterns and landforms in North and South Dakota. Features delineated include the Missouri Escarpment from Saskatchewan to the Nebraska border, the Manitoba Escarpment, Coteau des Prairies, recessional moraines on the Coteau du Missouri and partial drainage boundaries for the following rivers: James, Big Sioux, Minnesota, Red of the North, Souris, and the main stem of the Missouri plus its western tributaries in the Dakotas. In several instances drainage from gentle slopes in the Midwest was discerned and correlated with local relief. Analyses of satellite digital thermal data for western tributaries of the Missouri River revealed north-facing slopes to be warmer than south-facing slopes by an average of 1.5 C. Comparisons of ground and satellite temperatures for 11 stations in South Dakota showed good agreement. (Author)

**A80-15055** A study of moisture conditions in the Pantanal of Brazil using satellite imagery. J. P. Darch (Bedford College,

London, England). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 331-348. 9 refs.

The combined use of additive viewing and digital processing of Landsat-2 imagery of part of the Pantanal of Brazil has allowed detailed maps of the drainage network to be constructed. The distributions have been made of wet and dry areas, including differentiations of clear water, water containing suspended sediments, and categories of land with differing moisture conditions. Some unconventional use of color filters and MSS band combinations are suggested in order to extract maximum information from the imagery. Density slicing has allowed gray-scale values to be placed on the three categories of land identified. The distributions of the identified categories are verified by comparing the information from the visual classification with the classes isolated by density slicing. (Author)

**A80-15056** Monitoring of euphotic depth from aircraft. B. M. Sorensen and G. Maracci (Comitato Nazionale per l'Energia Nucleare, Centro Comune di Ricerche, Ispra, Italy). *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 8, Dec. 1979, p. 349-351.

The determination by aircraft of the euphotic depths of three lakes in distinct trophic states is presented. Numbers of white panels, analogous to Secchi disks, submerged in Lakes Monate, Comabbio and Varese in northern Italy to various depths that were visible from an altitude of 1000 feet were counted, and the depths at which the panels were visible were compared with on-site conventional Secchi disk depth determinations in order to obtain a relation between panel visibility and euphotic depth. The reliability and reproducibility of the method are discussed, and it is noted that the depths obtained are considered to be predominantly functions of plankton content in the oligotrophic, eutrophic and polluted lakes. A.L.W.

**A80-15265 #** Automated biomonitoring applications to remote water quality stations and satellite data retrieval - New developments in achieving real-time biosensing for watershed management. E. L. Morgan (Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tenn.), K. W. Eagleson (North Carolina, Dept. of Natural Resources, Raleigh, N.C.), R. Herrmann (U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Atlanta, Ga.), and N. D. McCollough, Jr. (Tennessee, University, Knoxville, Tenn.). *American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Intersociety Conference on Environmental Systems, 9th, San Francisco, Calif., July 16-19, 1979, Paper 79-ENAS-41*. 6 p. 6 refs. Members, \$1.50; nonmembers, \$3.00. Research supported by the Tennessee Technological University and U.S. Department of the Interior.

**A80-20261** The integration of Landsat with other natural resource data for 208 water quality planning in South Dakota. J. Schlesinger, B. Ripple, and T. Loveland (South Dakota State Planning Bureau, Pierre, S. Dak.). In: *American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings*. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 440-456. 7 refs.

**A80-20264** Satellite snow-cover observations in Arizona. H. H. Schumann (U.S. Geological Survey, Phoenix, Ariz.). In: *American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings*.

Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 480-489. 7 refs.

Techniques for snow-cover mapping from imagery acquired by satellites are discussed. Multispectral scanners aboard the satellites of the Landsat series provide high-resolution imagery (80 m ground resolution) which can be interpreted visually, directly or using

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different image-enhancement techniques, and which is also available in digital form for computerized mapping systems. The imagery covers 185- by 186 km areas and is almost orthographic when used for direct mapping at the common scale of 1:1,000,000. The main limitation is that only one observation is available every 9 days. Meteorological satellites provide small-scale imagery in the visible and infrared parts of the spectrum on a daily basis and have horizon-to-horizon coverage. This imagery is used for operational snow-cover mapping in large watersheds. The main disadvantages are low resolution and geometric distortion, though recent research indicates that geometric correction, image enhancement and snow-cover measurements could be accomplished by computer processing of the satellites' digital data. V.L.

**A80-16564 #** Principals of mapping hydrological parameters from natural systems, using satellite photography (Printsipy kartirovaniia gidrologicheskikh parametrov po prirodnykh kompleksam s ispol'zovaniem kosmicheskikh snimkov). A. V. Lebedev. In: Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 89-108. 31 refs. In Russian.

**A80-20194 \*** A hydrological analysis of east Australian floods using Nimbus-5 electrically scanning radiometer data. L. J. Allison, T. J. Schmugge (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.), and G. Byrne (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Canberra, Australia). *American Meteorological Society, Bulletin*, vol. 60, Dec. 1979, p. 1414-1427. 40 refs.

The chronological development and diminution of six floods in eastern Australia during January, February, and March 1974 were mapped for the first time by the Nimbus Electrically Scanning Microwave Radiometer (ESMR). Day and nighttime ESMR (19.35 GHz) coverage was analyzed for the low gradient, flooded Darling River system in New South Wales. Apparent movement of surface water as indicated by low brightness temperatures (less than 250 K, day and less than 240 K, night) was easily followed around the curved runoff basin along the northern shoreline of the flooded Darling River during this 3-month period. This pattern was in good agreement with flood crest data at selected river height gage stations, even under cloudy conditions. (Author)

**A80-20240 \*** Monitoring of deltaic wetland processes with seasonal aerial photography. A. R. Benton, Jr. and W. W. Snell (Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 37-57. 10 refs. Research supported by the Texas Water Development Board and Texas A&M University; Grant No. NGL-44-001-001.

A year-long study of four river deltas, using color infrared photography at three-month intervals, showed clearly the impact of damming the lower river or channelizing its outlet on the wetland environment. An important result of the season's photography was the dramatic appearance of the detrital material being flushed out of the deltaic wetlands by flood waters, and moved down into the lower estuaries for use by the marine organisms in the lower tropical levels. The species makeup and relative vigor of the deltaic plant communities were well recognizable on the imagery, as was the flushing mechanism in one stillviable delta marsh. V.P.

**A80-20243** Mapping of chlorophyll a concentrations and Secchi Disc depth of lakes within region 5 using Landsat digital data. A. Cibazar (A.W. Research Laboratories, Brainerd, Minn.), R. Kluegel, and L. Hansmeyer (Regional Development Commission, Staples, Minn.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall

Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 105-115. 11 refs.

Landsat digital data from the July 24, 1976 overflight was used in conjunction with existing water quality information to produce color coded maps of Secchi Disc depths and chlorophyll a concentrations within the lakes of north central Minnesota. Regression analysis of the radiance values and the water quality data indicated a relationship between Secchi depth and the ratio of Landsat band 4 to 5, and a relationship between chlorophyll a to band 6. The Landsat water quality data has provided local land use/water managers with a useful data base so they may better implement the policies fashioned by the decision makers. (Author)

**A80-20245** Remote sensing of Playa lakes as a source of climatic data. J. I. Ebert (National Park Service and University of New Mexico, Remote Sensing Div., Albuquerque, N. Mex.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 159-175. 31 refs. NSF Grant No. SOC-75-02253.

A possible solution to the present fragmentary climatic record is the measurement of closed-basin or Playa lakes - water bodies with no physical outward flow nor evaporative outflow. Remote sensing offers methods by which such measurements can be made over large parts of the earth, possibly using automated techniques. In the present paper, the theoretical and practical bases of Playa lake measures are discussed. It is suggested that the nature of these measures, resulting from a combination of meteorological variables and such things as soil properties and landform, may constitute an ideal source of information on actual available water - providing data far more useful than those resulting from meteorological instruments. V.P.

**A80-20247 \*** Passive microwave studies of frozen lakes. D. K. Hall, J. L. Foster, A. Rango, and A. T. C. Chang (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Hydrospheric Sciences Branch, Greenbelt, Md.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 195-208. 8 refs.

Lakes of various sizes, depths and ice thicknesses in Alaska, Utah and Colorado were overflown with passive microwave sensors providing observations at several wavelengths. A layer model is used to calculate the microwave brightness temperature,  $T_{sub B}$  (a function of the emissivity and physical temperatures of the object), of snowcovered ice underlain with water. Calculated  $T_{sub B}$ 's are comparable to measured  $T_{sub B}$ 's. At short wavelengths, e.g., 0.8 cm,  $T_{sub B}$  data provide information on the near surface properties of ice covered lakes where the long wavelength, 21.0 cm, observations sense the entire thickness of ice including underlying water. Additionally,  $T_{sub B}$  is found to increase with ice thickness. 1.55 cm observations on Chandalar Lake in Alaska show a  $T_{sub B}$  increase of 38 K with an approximate 124 cm increase in ice thickness. (Author)

**N80-10567\*#** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. ANALYSIS OF WATER COLOR AS SEEN IN ORBITAL AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF CAPE COD, NANTUCKET, AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASSACHUSETTS Tracey Tisdall and Farouk El-Baz In NASA Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 455-480 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08J

Coastal water color was analyzed in two Apollo-Soyuz photographs. The natural color of the photographs enabled recognition of shoals and suspended sediments, sediment transport

by longshore drift, wind streaks, and crests and troughs of internal ocean waves. Comparison with high altitude aircraft photographs revealed that the aerial photographs are necessary for detailed analyses and the spaceborne photographs are useful for studying large areas. A comparison of the aerial photographs with bathymetric charts showed that numerous changes occurred in the coastlines after the charts were made. Absolute reflectance values of shoals, chlorophyll concentrations, sediments, etc. were roughly estimated, but could not be accurately determined. K.L.

**N80-10572\*** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.  
**SUSPENDED-SEDIMENT DISPERSAL PATTERNS OF RIVER DELTAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY ASTP**  
 Ted A. Maxwell /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 521-530 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08H

Orbital photographs of five river deltas are presented. Suspended sediment plume patterns are identified and are related to models of sedimentation in a deltaic environment. The relative effects of river inertia, buoyancy of suspended matter, and turbulent bed friction are evaluated using delta geometry and plume pattern. A.W.H.

**N80-10574\*** Texas Univ. at Austin.  
**SOUTH AMERICAN RIVER MORPHOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY**  
 R. K. Holz, V. R. Baker, S. M. Sutton, Jr., and M. M. Pentead-Orellana (Fundacao Univ. de Brasilia) /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 545-594 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01

A guide to the hydrologic properties of streams in the Amazon and Paraguay Basins is presented. Photographs are presented from the Apollo Soyuz Test Project of the Amazon Basin. Stream regimes, including analyses of meander wavelengths, flood plain development, and basin morphology are discussed. Basin size, drainage network density, flood plain width, vegetation types and density, climatic factors, and terrain variability are assessed. Adjustments of changes in river morphology caused by altered water and sediment discharges and by quaternary climatic changes are discussed. A.W.H.

**N80-10575\*** Environmental Research and Technology, Inc., Concord, Mass.

#### **SNOW HYDROLOGY STUDIES**

M. D. Smallwood, C. J. Bowley, and J. C. Barnes /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 595-615 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08L

Photographs from the Apollo Soyuz Test Project of snow covered areas in the northwestern United States and Canada, the Chilean Andes, and the southern Alps of New Zealand are discussed. The photographs are analyzed and a tendency for the snowline elevations to be lower in the areas surrounding the permanent snowfields and glaciers rather than in areas of seasonal snowpack is examined. A.W.H.

**N80-10590\*** University of Eastern Michigan, Ypsilanti. Dept. of Geography and Geology.  
**IMPACT OF GREAT LAKES WATER LEVEL FLUCTUATIONS ON COASTAL WETLANDS Final Report, 1 Oct. 1976 - 30 Nov. 1978**

Eugene Jaworski, C. Nicholas Rapnael, P. J. Mansfield, and Brooks B. Williamson Apr. 1979 364 p refs  
 (Contract D1-14-0001-7163)

(PB-296403/9; W79-07001; OWRT-B-045-MICH(1)) Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 08H

Field measurements were collected at seven study areas along Lakes Michigan, Huron, St. Clair, and Erie. Surface landforms

were mapped and models of the four coastal wetland types were developed. With the aid of aerial photography and field bisects, the zonal plant communities were identified and three historical distribution maps were constructed which represented various lake level conditions. Field data indicate that water level, wave energy, and substrate type are important factors in determining the shifting of plant communities in response to lake level fluctuations. GRA

**N80-11538#** Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab., Hanover, N. H.

#### **DETECTION OF ARCTIC WATER SUPPLIES WITH GEOPHYSICAL TECHNIQUES**

S. A. Arcone, A. J. Delaney, and P. V. Sellmann Jun. 1979 37 p refs

(DA Proj. 4A7-62730-AT-42)

(AD-A072157; CRREL-79-15) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 13/2

This report discusses the application of several modern geophysical techniques to groundwater exploration in areas in permafrost. These methods utilize the principles of magnetic induction and radiowave surface impedance in the 10- to 400-kHz band, the techniques of impulse and side-looking radar in the 50- to 10,000-MHz band, and also some optical techniques using imagery obtained from a satellite. Low frequency case studies demonstrate the use of the techniques for detecting free water under an ice cover in shallow, almost completely frozen lake basins, and thaw zones within lake beds, stream channels, and in permafrost in general. The radar studies demonstrate the use of these techniques for determining depth of free water and ice cover thickness on lakes and rivers. GRA

**N80-11553#** National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.

#### **REMOTE SENSING APPLIED TO HYDROLOGY. A BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH ABSTRACTS Progress Report, 1964 - Jul. 1979**

Audrey S. Hunderman Aug. 1979 219 p Supersedes NTIS/PS-78/0792 and NTIS/PS-77/0677

(NTIS/PS-79/0845/2; NTIS/PS-78/0792; NTIS/PS-77/0677)

Avail: NTIS HC \$28.00/MF \$28.00 CSCL 08H

The use of aerial and satellite imagery in hydrologic studies, including water resources planning and management, is discussed. The abstracts cover remote sensing studies of water quality, soil moisture, floodplain delineation, ice cover, and determination of snow depth and water equivalent. This updated bibliography contains 210 abstracts, 22 of which are new entries to the previous edition. GRA

**N80-12478** Hamburg Univ. (West Germany).

#### **ON THE PROBLEM OF THE REMOTE SENSING OF SUBSTANCES IN WATER BY MULTISPECTRAL SCANNING [ZUM PROBLEM DER FERNERKUNDUNG VON SUBSTANZEN IM WASSER MIT DEM MULTISPEKTRALSCHANNER]**

R. Doerffer /In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 123-130 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Measurements devised to determine the characteristics and concentrations of three groups of substances (those producing a yellow/brown coloration, suspended matter and phytoplankton) are described. If qualitative and quantitative information is to be deduced, account must be taken of contributions to the measured signal arising from ground surfaces, interfaces and the atmosphere. Backscattered radiation fields are related to concentration levels. Author (ESA)

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**N80-12493** Freiburg Univ. (West Germany).

### INTERPRETATION OF WATER QUALITY USING REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES [ZUR INTERPRETATION DER QUALITAET VON WASSERKOERPERN AUS FERNERKUNDUNGS-AUFZEICHNUNGEN]

H. Dietze, G. Hildebrandt, and D. Mahr. In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 257-270 In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Characteristics of large water surfaces and waterways were investigated using an eleven channel multiscanner and from aerial photographs taken at different heights and times of the year. The results obtained show how information in the near infrared is influenced by high absorption. A more realistic interpretation of the results obtained can be achieved by employing a VP 8 analog evaluation system. A table of measured characteristics for eutrophic and non-eutrophic water masses is presented.

Author (ESA)

**N80-12518\*** South Dakota State Univ., Brookings. Remote Sensing Inst.

### HCMM ENERGY BUDGET DATA AS A MODEL INPUT FOR ASSESSING REGIONS OF HIGH POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER POLLUTION Interim Report, Jul. - Sep. 1979

Donald G. Moore, Principal Investigator and J. L. Heilman Sep. 1979 3 p ERTS

(Contract NAS5-24206)

(E80-10002: NASA-CR-162379; SDSU-RSI-79-15) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08H

**N80-12520\*** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D. C.

### APPLICATIONS OF HCMM DATA TO SOIL MOISTURE SNOW AND ESTUARINE CURRENT STUDIES Quarterly Report

Donald R. Wiesnet, Principal Investigator, David F. McGinnis, and Michael Matson 2 Oct. 1979 9 p Sponsored by NASA Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS (E80-10004: NASA-CR-162381) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08L

The author has identified the following significant results. Additional analyses of Luverne, Minnesota ground data revealed that soil moisture variations are independent of elevation effects. Tidal fluctuations in the Potomac River and Delaware Bay were examined as a function of surface temperature. Preliminary findings suggest that temperature boundaries are sufficient to detect various stages of the tidal cycle in Delaware Bay, but are as yet uncertain for prediction in the Potomac River. At least three additional cases are needed to completely evaluate the tidal cycle. An alphanumeric printout at a scale of 1:1,000,000 compares closely with a 1:1,000,000 scale DMD image of the Chesapeake Bay region.

**N80-12522\*** Commission of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

### MAPPING THERMAL INERTIA, SOIL MOISTURE AND EVAPORATION FROM AIRCRAFT DAY AND NIGHT THERMAL DATA

J. Dejae, Principal Investigator, J. Meger, M. Kohl, G. Maracci, P. Reiniger, G. Tassone, and J. Huygen 1978 10 p refs Sponsored by NASA Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57198 ERTS

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(E80-10006: NASA-CR-162383)

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**N80-12527\*** Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park. Dept. of Meteorology.

### REMOTE ESTIMATION OF SURFACE MOISTURE OVER A WATERSHED M.S. Thesis

Paul Jeffrey Kocin, Principal Investigator Nov. 1979 70 p refs Sponsored by NASA ERTS

(E80-10025: NASA-CR-162368)

Avail: NTIS

HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 08H

The author has identified the following significant results. Contoured analyses of moisture availability, moisture flux, sensible heat flux, thermal inertia, and day and nighttime temperatures over a Missouri watershed for a date in June and in September show that forests and creeks exhibit the highest values of moisture availability, whereas farmlands and villages are relatively dry. The distribution of moisture availability over agricultural districts differs significantly between the two cases. This difference is attributed to a change in the surface's vegetative canopy between June and September, with higher moisture availabilities found in the latter case. Horizontal variations of moisture, however, do

indicate some relationship between moisture availability and both local rainfall accumulations and the nature of the terrain.

**N80-12547\*** Geological Survey, Reston, Va.

### U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SOURCES OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND IMAGES OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES TAKEN FROM SPACECRAFT AND AIRCRAFT: BEAVER CREEK WATERSHED

Janet Bonner, comp. 1979 89 p refs

(PB-297442/6) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 08B

Remotely sensed data gathered from spacecraft and aircraft is presented. GRA

**N80-13606\*** Edgerton, Germeshausen and Grier, Inc., Las Vegas, Nev.

### DEVELOPMENT OF AN AIRBORNE GAMMA RADIATION SYSTEM FOR SNOW SURVEYS

Allen E. Fritzsche 1979 10 p refs Presented at Workshop on Remote Sensing of Snow and Soil Moisture by Nucl. Techniques, Voss, Norway, 23 Apr. 1979

(Contract EY-76-C-08-1183)

(EGG-1183-1679; CONF-790495-1)

Avail: NTIS

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The use of NaI(Tl) gamma detectors with a full gamma energy spectrum pulse height analyzer together with a small computer provides a self contained and flexible system for snow surveys. The dual detector method determines atmospheric radon perturbations in the detection system. Detailed calibration experiments must be performed to determine twenty parameters that describe the physical nature of the system. Multiple high altitude and lake flights are used to obtain background components. Simulation pads, loaded with varying concentrations of K-40, Th-232, and U-238, yield photopeak stripping coefficients and basic system sensitivity. Multiple altitude flights over land lines provide air attenuation coefficients which may be converted to water attenuation coefficients. DOE

**N80-13609\*** World Meteorological Organization, Geneva (Switzerland). Hydrology and Water Resources Dept.

### SPACE OBSERVATIONS FOR WATER RESOURCES: A POTENTIAL TO BE DEVELOPED

A. J. Askew and J. Nemec 1978 14 p refs Presented at 22d COSPAR Plenary Meeting, Bangalore, India, May-Jun. 1979

Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01

Information is presented concerning the data requirements that were established for work in hydrology and water resources and mention is made of the use of spacecraft for the transmission of hydrological data. It was concluded that a dialogue should be established between those supplying the data and investigating their potential uses and those actually engaged in the assessment and management of water resources. Author (ESA)

**N80-13611#** Zurich Univ. (Switzerland). Dept. of Geography.  
**SNOW MAPPING FROM SPACE PLATFORMS**  
 K. I. Itten 1979 23 p refs Presented at 22d COSPAR  
 Plenary Meeting, Bangalore, India, May-Jun. 1979 Submitted  
 for publication

Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01

Present knowledge of snow mapping from space is reviewed, discussing the problems of optimum resolution, periodicity, features to be measured, and wavelength bands to be used. The requirements for analog and digital data analysis are described, recommendations given, and questions on the economic implementation of such methods raised. It is concluded that the various newly developed satellites for meteorology, Earth and marine resources do not yet constitute a major breakthrough in solving the task of snow mapping. Author (ESA)

**N80-13726#** Dornier-Werke G.m.b.H., Friedrichshafen (West Germany). Abt. Meerestechnik.  
**STRATEGIES FOR THE SURVEILLANCE OF COASTAL WATERS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY Final Report**

Helmut Kosche Bonn Bundesmin. fuer Forsch. u. Technol. Dec. 1977 181 p refs In GERMAN; ENGLISH summary Sponsored by Bundesmin. fuer Forsch. u. Technol. (BMFT-FB-M-77-11) Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01; ZLDI, Munich DM 37.80

Strategies for surveillance of anorganic and organic pollutants in coastal waters are necessary to fulfill international conventions. The development of a realistic strategy for the surveillance of low and slowly changing concentration levels is intended. The analysis of collected data show that the knowledge of anorganic pollutants surpasses the knowledge of organic pollutants. The necessary detection limits are in the range of ppb for anorganic and ppt for organic pollutants. Existing measuring devices are presented and discussed with regard to their useful ranges and merits. In addition, the possible potential and use of biological indicators as well as of remote sensing is discussed. The resulting, proposed strategy consists of a three element approach (coordination of existing activities, installment of a central institution, special activities regarding accidents with pollutants) based on sampling, preparation, the use of laboratories, and scientific interpretation. Author (ESA)

**N80-15447\*#** Ministero dell'Agricoltura e delle Foreste, Rome (Italy).

**TOPOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS THROUGH THE STUDY OF THE THERMAL AND HYDROLOGICAL DISUNIFORMITY OF THE SOIL FROM THE MESOSCALE. AN APPLICATION TO LOCAL FORECASTING OF AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FROM THE TELLUS PROJECT [IL TELERILEVAMENTO PER LO STUDIO A MESOSCALA DELLE DISUNIFORMITÀ TERMICHE ED IDRICHE DEL SUOLO. APPLICAZIONE ALLA PREVISIONE LOCALE DEI TEMPORALI NELL'AMBITO DEL PROGETTO TELLUS]**

E. Rosini and P. Caponigro, Principal Investigators 1977 6 p In ITALIAN ERTS

(E80-10020; NASA-CR-162392)

Avail: NTIS

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(NASA Order S-40255-B)

(E80-10039; NASA-CR-162450)

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**N80-15546#** National Ocean Survey, Rockville, Md. Office of Marine Technology.

**TECHNICAL PAPERS ON AIRBORNE LASER HYDROGRAPHY Technical Memorandum, Mar. - Dec. 1978**

Gary C. Guenther, Robert W. L. Thomas (EG and G Washington Anal. Serv. Center, Inc., Rockville, Md.), Lowell R. Goodman, David B. Enabnit, and Robert N. Swift (EG and G Washington Anal. Serv. Center, Inc., Rockville, Md.) Feb. 1979 74 p refs (PB-299321/0; NOAA-TM-NOS-25; NOAA-79072309) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 08J

Early results of an experimental and theoretical investigation into the technical aspects of airborne laser bathymetry are presented in the following papers: (1) Laser Bathymetry for Near-Shore Charting Application (A Status Report); (2) Laser Hydrography; (3) Bathymetry Intercomparison: Laser vs. Acoustic; (4) Laser Application for Near-Shore Nautical Charting; (5) Laser Bathymetry for Near-Shore Charting Application (Preliminary Field Test Results); and (6) Theoretical Characterization of Bottom Returns for Bathymetric Lidar. GRA

**N80-15533\*#** Department of Agriculture, Phoenix, Ariz. Water Conservation Lab.

**HEAT CAPACITY MAPPING MISSION (HCMM) Quarterly Progress Report, 1 Aug. - 31 Oct. 1979**

Ray D. Jackson, Principal Investigator 31 Oct. 1979 1 p ERTS



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Includes film processing, computer technology, satellite and aircraft hardware, and imagery.

**A80-10173 #** Some aspects of determining object coordinates from scanner photographs (Nekotorye aspekty opredeleniia koordinat ob'ektov po skanernym snimkam). O. I. Egorovia. *Geodeziia i Aerofotos'emka*, no. 3, 1979, p. 88-92. In Russian.

The paper presents an analytical method for determining object coordinates from photographs obtained from an infrared line-scanning system with mechanical scanning, under the condition that the image geometry is known. The method is useful in remote sensing studies of earth resources. B.J.

**A80-10876** Selection of Landsat MSS data for inventories of earth resources. F. W. Hilwig (International Institute for Aerial Survey and Earth Sciences, Enschede, Netherlands). *ITC Journal*, no. 2, 1979, p. 249-266. 14 refs.

At present, an important problem preceding the application of satellite multispectral scanning (MSS) data for inventory of earth resources surveys is the selection of the most relevant scenes for interpretation purposes. The most promising satellite MSS data for multitemporal studies of earth resources can only be obtained if careful consideration is given to the following factors: cloud cover, image quality, snow cover, bioclimate (soil moisture), vegetation/crops, and sidelap. These factors are necessary for both visual interpretation and digital analysis of Landsat MSS data. As outlined in the paper, a terminal connected to data bases of space imagery, e.g., EROS (USA) or ESRIN (Italy), may speed up the time-consuming iterative process of selection of satellite imagery. A data base, obtained by the coordination, standardization and exchange of data of the various receiving stations, distribution centers and documentation institutes, would be an essential step in optimizing the selection, interpretation and application of satellite MSS data. S.D.

**A80-11190** Inexpensive radar mapping by Ericsson Slar. B. Ekengren (LM Ericsson Telefon AB, Molndal, Sweden). In: Military Electronics Defence Expo '78; Proceedings of the Conference, Wiesbaden, West Germany, October 3-5, 1978. Geneva, Interavia, S.A., 1979, p. 769-777.

The paper examines an inexpensive radar mapping technique employing a real aperture sidelooking airborne radar. The fundamental principles of real aperture SLAR are reviewed, noting that experience has shown that good radar maps can be achieved with radar installed in a light business aircraft without sophisticated antenna stabilization. Attention is given to the following major applications: oil spill mapping, sea ice mapping, ship detection, including supervision of fishing, monitoring of borders, and supervision of sea traffic. In addition, use for land mapping is also covered. It is concluded that such a system is flexible and has high availability. M.E.P.

**A80-11696 #** Advances in digital image display and simulation from digital terrain data bases. M. B. Faintich, G. B. Sigler, and D. P. Fahy (U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, Aerospace Center, St.

Louis Air Force Station, Mo.). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 111-135.

The digital terrain data produced at the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center (DMAAC) supports a wide variety of products, including input to radar simulators, guidance systems and automated cartographic systems. To facilitate the display of the data bases for analysis, DMAAC has developed the capability for computer generation of digital image displays of the terrain data in the form of gray level elevation coding, contouring, variable sun angle shaded relief and computer generated sensor scenes, including perspective views, stereo-pairs, and synthetic radar displays. All of the examples shown in this paper were generated at DMAAC on a UNIVAC 1000 series computer and reimagined onto film format using an OPTRONICS scanning, digitizing and reimagining (SDR) system. It is shown that digital terrain data bases may be effectively displayed in various image formats. This capability has proven to be a valuable editing and analysis tool for the production and specification refinement of digital terrain data. S.D.

**A80-11697 #** Combined Skylab and high altitude aircraft photography space triangulation. M. E. O. Ali and A. J. Brandenberger (Université Laval, Quebec, Canada). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 354-373. 6 refs. Research supported by the National Research Council of Canada and Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

The paper is concerned with an investigation designed to study a combination of high-altitude aircraft photography and Skylab photography aerial triangulation. The discussion covers a brief description of the materials used in the investigation, selection of an appropriate number of control and/or pass points, bundle adjustment algorithm for aerial triangulation of space photography, and tests and results. The various procedures studied and developed produced a planimetric accuracy of approximately 20 m in the best case. Such a ground control accuracy would be sufficient for 1:100,000 mapping and even for 1:50,000 (reconnaissance) mapping. The Skylab photography appears to be useful in areas of the earth where there is no control of any type except the coordinates of some points which can be measured on small-scale maps. S.D.

**A80-11704 #** The SPOT remote sensing satellite - Assessment of the geometric quality of the images. R. Rosso (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Toulouse, France). In: New technology for mapping; Proceedings of the International Symposium, Ottawa, Canada, October 2-6, 1978. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian Institute of Surveying, 1979, p. 455-473. 11 refs.

The paper discusses the development and features of the French SPOT remote sensing satellite (SPOT standing for Satellite Probatoire d'Observation de la Terre, i.e., Earth Observation Test Satellite). Attention is given to an assessment of the geometric quality of the images using computer simulation with allowance for the satellite dynamics and ground data processing. The assessment of the geometric quality of the SPOT imagery is made by comparison with usual map projections. The simulation indicated the potential accuracy of the SPOT level 1 images and was effective in defining the ground data processing required. S.D.

**A80-13358** Computer graphic feature analysis and selection. J. R. Jensen (Georgia, University, Athens, Ga.). *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, vol. 45, Nov. 1979, p. 1507-1512. 19 refs.

Analysts conducting supervised land-cover classification often rely solely on statistical divergence or separability measures for feature selection. Consequently, they may fail to appreciate the relatively consistent spatial clustering and degree of overlap among training class spectra. A graphic method of analyzing training class statistics is presented which allows analysts to view parallelepipeds in

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three-dimensional space and interactively vary viewing azimuth and elevation angles for optimum visual examination. Up to three channels may be examined at one time. It is hoped that the graphic method will supplement statistical measures, resulting in improved feature analysis and selection. (Author)

**A80-14047 # Feature selection via entropy minimization - An example using Landsat satellite data.** A. Zandonella (Telespazio S.p.A., Rome, Italy) and B. Sellman. (*Convegno sulle Metodologie di Trattamento dell'Informazione, 2nd, Trieste, Italy, Feb. 23, 24, 1979.*) *Società Astronomica Italiana, Memorie*, vol. 50, Sept. 1979, p. 503-513.

A methodology for enhancing the significant spectral features in Landsat data is introduced. The process, by which significant spectral features are determined, uses a minimum entropy model to guide subsequent analysis efforts. Classification results using traditional and minimum entropy method are presented and discussed.

(Author)

**A80-14952 Simple generation of one-parameter pseudo-terrain surfaces.** G. E. Carlson (Missouri-Rolla, University, Rolla, Mo.) and G. L. Bair (Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas, Tex.). *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems*, vol. AES-15, Sept. 1979, p. 735-738. Navy-supported research.

A simple method for generating digital terrain surfaces as a function of only the terrain standard deviation is presented. This is accomplished by fitting a postulated autocorrelation model to actual terrain data. Observed relations between model parameters are used to obtain a one-parameter model. (Author)

**A80-15772 # Some examples of the use of satellite imagery /Landsat/ for natural resource mapping in Western Sudan.** D. E. Parry (Hunting Technical Services, Ltd., Boreham Wood, Herts., England). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 1, 3-12. 15 refs.

The present paper describes the compilation of land systems, geomorphology, soils, vegetation and land use maps of some 80,000 sq km in the Southern Darfur Province of Western Sudan, from 1/250,000 scale color-composite bulk-processed Landsat 1 imagery. Manual methods of interpretation and map compilation were used and backed by field studies. Particular attention is given to the problem of locating interpreted boundaries in the field and other practical constraints likely to be encountered when using satellite imagery for regional studies in remote and inaccessible areas. The mapping examples include a comparative study of resource maps compiled from conventional aerial photography and ground survey with those compiled from satellite imagery of a part of the survey area. (Author)

**A80-15773 # The natural regions of Ethiopia compiled from Landsat imagery, as a basis for an engineering materials inventory.** C. J. Lawrence (Department of the Environment, Transport and Road Research Laboratory, Crowthorne, Berks., England). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 13, 15, 16.

The practice of using aerial photographs to map terrain and materials is well established, but the ability of land classification to predict soil conditions is most successful in areas of stable geomorphic environment, dry climate, simple geology and bold relief. Ethiopia for the most part possesses these attributes, and has, therefore, been the subject of a high level terrain classification at 1:2 million, using Landsat imagery. Geological, topographic and soils maps, and local experience provided background information. Sixty-seven 'natural regions' were defined, describing the geology, topography, climate and drainage of each region, with comments on

engineering soils and construction materials. The space imagery provided detail that was impossible to achieve by any other means, but a limitation was found to be the lack of resolution at the small scale used. A scale of 1:1 million or 1:500,000 would have considerably aided interpretation. (Author)

**A80-20265 Application of multidata photography and remote sensing data to environmental monitoring in the State of Washington.** R. B. Scott and T. W. D. Gregg (Washington, Dept. of Natural Resources, Olympia, Wash.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 504-511. 9 refs.

A program involving the use of aerial photography and remote sensing data for resource management is detailed. The program, adopted by the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Washington, includes the acquisition, at various scales and emulsion types, of photographs of over 70 percent of the State on a 8-10 year schedule. Nearly a quarter of a million photographs dating back 25 years are on file now. Some applications of this multidata photography are: monitoring forest resource and forest management activities, forest fire detection, and monitoring beds of navigable waters and trespass in harbor areas. Remote sensing data collected by thermal scanning sensors are used for fire spotting and mapping, and multispectral Landsat data are used for forest inventory and productivity monitoring. V.L.

**A80-20269 \* Multiple-frame, full resolution Landsat mosaicking to standard map projections.** A. L. Zobrist (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 608-616. 7 refs. Contract No. NAS7-100.

Landsat digital data are presently available by frames whose size and location are determined by satellite orbit. The utility of Landsat data was increased by the image processing support for JPL's planetary program which provided the basic software and procedures necessary for image mosaicking. The computer software has been extended to perform this task on Landsat Multi-spectral scanner imagery and a ten frame digital mosaic of the Southern California desert has been completed. Major processing steps include location of geographic points in the digital frame and of common geographic points in adjacent frames, conversion to a map projection, lateral 'rubber sheet' correction of the digital frames, brightness correction of adjacent frames, and mosaicking of the frames to eliminate overlap and produce a single large frame. (Author)

**A80-15781 # The ITC approach to digital processing applied to land use mapping in the Himalayas and Central Java.** A. H. J. Meijerink and N. H. W. Donker (International Institute for Aerial Survey and Earth Sciences, Enschede, Netherlands). In: Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978, p. 75, 77-83. 13 refs.

An approach to digital processing, as developed at ITC, is outlined and examples of its application to the Himalayas and Central Java are given. The central theme in the approach is the reduction of the dimensionality for generating color coded hard copies for interpretation and for carrying out automatic classification. Methods to achieve this aim are discussed. Black box methods are avoided and the interpreter guides all steps of the procedures by using the reduced feature space as a medium for decisions. As applied to land-use mapping of complex areas in the developing countries, the results indicate that where automatic classification partly fails visual interpretation, transfer of data from other sources, or temporal

data, can be done in the same line of operations. In both test areas the processed imagery form excellent base maps for incorporating results of selected field traverses. (Author)

**A80-17514** Digital processing of aerial images; Proceedings of the Seminar, Huntsville, Ala., May 22-24, 1979. Seminar sponsored by the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers. Edited by T. F. Wiener (U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Arlington, Va.) and E. L. Hall (Tennessee, University, Knoxville, Tenn.). Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE Proceedings. Volume 186), 1979. 272 p. \$36.  
A80-17540)

This volume addresses problems associated with achieving image recording in the face of various types of distortion. Papers reporting recent and ongoing research and development activity in techniques and analysis, devices and systems, as well as future concepts, are presented. Six problem areas are considered: scene matching (two sessions), aerial image techniques, digital processing of aerial images, image understanding, feature operators, and synthetic reference image preparation. Topics of interest include scene matching with feature detection, optimum filters and windows for image registration, computer modeling of optical trackers, performance evaluation of image correlation techniques, measuring scene content from aerial images, edge and line enhancement by adaptive lattice filtering, and automatic stereo reconstruction of manmade targets. S.D.

**A80-19542** Multispectral aerial photography for wetland vegetation mapping. W. G. Howland (McGill University, Montreal, Canada). *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, vol. 46, Jan. 1980, p. 87-99. 19 refs.

Vegetation in a variety of wetland types in the Shelburne Pond, Vermont area was mapped using small scale aerial photographs. Color infrared, conventional color, and black-and-white multi-band photographs were studied using a zoom stereoscope and additive color enhancement techniques. The floristic composition of plant canopy associations and corresponding recognition characteristics are presented. Emphasis is given to ground control and a familiarity with plant ecology, as requisite elements in the interpretive process. Selected observations are made regarding the ecological significance of signature pattern. Film types were evaluated based on three parameters: association discrimination, size of minimum mapping unit, and ease of interpretation. Color infrared was found superior for this application, and conventional color was better than the color enhanced multi-band, which was at much smaller scale. However, the color enhanced multi-band imagery did offer more information about some plant groups than did color, especially where long wave reflectance was a key recognition element. The use of actinic infrared is recommended for future wetland vegetation investigations.

(Author)

**A80-19923** # Orientation problem of SLAR imagery. A. Okamoto (Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan). *Kyoto University, Faculty of Engineering, Memoirs*, vol. 41, July 1979, p. 293-307. 6 refs.

This report treats the orientation and restitution problem of SLAR imagery theoretically. The orientation problem is discussed for both single and stereo SLAR configurations. For the former, an analytical orientation method constructed on the geometrical basis of SLAR imagery already studied is proposed. For the latter, an orientation technique is developed to calculate the exterior orientation parameters of the antenna for stereo SLAR images simultaneously. With this method the analysis of SLAR imagery may be performed three-dimensionally and more accurately than before. In both cases, some functional form, such as polynomials or Fourier series, is used to model the behaviors of the exterior orientation elements of the antenna along the flight path, as in the analysis of MSS imagery. By linearizing the equations for the orientation problem of single SLAR imagery, error equations for the restitution

problem of SLAR imagery are obtained. Simple restitution methods of SLAR imagery for a flat terrain and also for a hilly ground surface are introduced, and some characteristics are clarified. (Author)

**A80-20237** American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978. 624 p.

The papers deal with the application of aerial-photography, image-scanning, thermal infrared remote sensing, multirate photography, and radar technologies to environmental monitoring, digital mapping, and other photogrammetric applications. Among the topics covered are: the principles of thermal infrared remote sensing for heat cost determination; aerial photographic methods for the detection of submerged vegetation; remote sensing for monitoring resources for development and conservation of desert and semi-desert areas; a long-wave radar for geological analysis of vegetated terrain; densitometry in photogrammetry; and microprocessor and minicomputer assisted photogrammetric systems. V.P.

**A80-20252** The National Map Accuracy Standards in the context of mapping with imagery data. S.-Y. Hsu (New York, State University, Binghamton, N.Y.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 296-301. 12 refs.

Compared to certain European countries, the United States National Map Accuracy Standards are by far the loosest. Even so the thematic maps in the United States have not been designed to meet the standards. The technological advancements in remote sensors, photogrammetric instruments, digital precision processing have laid a sound foundation for producing base maps that meet the standards for thematic mapping. The Landsat imagery at the scale of 1:250,000 is one of the excellent resources for preparing a new generation of precision thematic maps. To reach this goal, it is proposed that a rule be established requiring the cartographer to label in the map legends whether efforts have been made to utilize precision base maps for preparing the thematic map. (Author)

**N80-10538**\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

#### **APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT. VOLUME 2: EARTH OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

Farouk El-Baz, ed. (Smithsonian Institution) and D. M. Warner, ed. (Smithsonian Institution) Washington 1979 700 p refs  
Original contains color illustrations 2 Vol.  
(Contract NAS9-13831)

(NASA-SP-412-Vol-2) Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 05B

Visual observations of the earth are presented along with the corresponding photographs and maps for specific regions.

**N80-10539**\*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

#### **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT RESULTS**

Farouk El-Baz (Smithsonian Institution), Delia M. Warner, and R. Thomas Giulii In its Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 1-8 ref

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 05B

A summary of the visual and photographic study of specific earth features is presented. The areas selected were in the fields of geology, desert studies, oceanography, hydrology, and meteorology. F.O.S.

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### **N80-10561\*#** Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. **DETERMINING PHOTOGRAPH LOCATIONS OVER OCEANS**

S. McLafferty, M. Pryslak, and G. A. Maul (NOAA) *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Vol. 2 1979 p 359-370 refs

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 08J

The methods used to quantitatively define the photo-locations of ocean photographs taken from the Apollo Soyuz spacecraft are described. They are based on photogrammetry, on a knowledge of the groundtracks of the spacecraft and the times during which the photographs were taken, and on a comparison with satellite imagery. Latitudes and longitudes with an estimated error of + or - 1 to + or - 3 seconds are calculated for the center points of photographs taken during mapping passes that lack photo-support data. A method is developed for determining the center points for photographs containing two or more recognizable features on landmasses. A map is provided which shows the Apollo groundtracks that correspond to the times when the photographs were taken. M.M.M.

### **N80-11534#** Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego, Calif. **PROCESSING AND DISPLAY TECHNIQUES FOR MULTI-SPECTRAL SATELLITE IMAGERY** Final Report, 1 Feb. - 30 Sep. 1978

J. A. Roese Apr. 1979 39 p refs

(AD-A072509; NOSC/TR-439)

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In recent years, the technology area of remote sensing by multispectral satellite sensors has evolved greatly. Imagery obtained by satellite means has been the basis for much work in the areas of environmental studies, resource planning, terrain mapping, weather prediction and military reconnaissance. This program effort has investigated the application of various image processing and display techniques for use with multispectral satellite imagery. Emphasis has been placed on the development and implementation of two-dimensional processing techniques applied in the domain of the original image. Two-dimensional transform domain image processing and display techniques were also adapted for use with satellite imagery. GRA

### **N80-12467** Technische Hochschule, Darmstadt (West Germany). Fachgebiet Fernerkundung und Photointerpretation.

#### **ON MEASUREMENTS FROM AIRCRAFT** Final Report

Joerg Albertz and Manfred Schroeder Jun. 1978 505 p refs  
*In* GERMAN; ENGLISH summary Presented at Symp. Airborne Sensing Programme, Hanover, 29-31 Aug. 1977 Prepared in cooperation with DFLR, Oberpfaffenhofen, West Germany (Contract BMFT-WE-0175)

(BMFT-FB-W-78-04) Avail: Issuing Activity

Some fifty papers are presented on the techniques developed and applied in the framework of the German remote sensing program pursued during the 1975 to 1977 period. Airborne multispectral imaging techniques were applied to the following disciplines: oceanography and coastal processes, urban and regional management, agriculture and forestry, geology and hydrology. Intensive research work in the fields of digital image processing and the spectral signatures of natural surfaces were associated with this program.

### **N80-12505** Forschungsgruppe fuer Informationsverarbeitung und Mustererkennung, Karlsruhe (West Germany).

#### **DIGITAL PROCESSING PROCEDURE FOR TEXTURE ANALYSIS WITH REMOTE SENSING DATA [VERFAHREN DER DIGITALEN BILDVERARBEITUNG ZUR TEXTURANALYSE VON FERNERKUNDUNGSDATEN]**

B. Bargel *In* Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 371-378 refs *In* GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Specific texture parameters were determined and an appropriate combination of parameters was selected in order to classify objects with the use of multispectral analysis. Forest and built-up regions were investigated. The methods employed involve gray scale evaluations, differentiating image data, line information and Fourier spectrum techniques. Preprocessing and image transformation procedures are applied. Some concrete examples and their treatments are presented. Author (ESA)

### **N80-13592\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

#### **EARTH OBSERVATIONS DIVISION EARTH RESOURCES DATA ANALYSIS CAPABILITIES**

F. Tragni, Principal Investigator Jul. 1979 86 p refs -Revised EREP

(Contract NAS9-15800)

(E80-10013; NASA-CR-160339; LEC-3949-Rev-D;

JSC-16030-Rev-D) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 05B

### **N80-13596\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. Systems and Services Div.

#### **TEXAS APPLICATIONS SYSTEM VERIFICATION AND TRANSFER REMOTE SENSING INFORMATION SUB-SYSTEM: FUNCTIONAL DESIGN**

M. L. Brown, Jr., Principal Investigator, A. M. Fails, M. V. Martin, A. S. Story, and E. A. Weisblatt Mar. 1979 405 p EREP (Contract NAS9-15800)

(E80-10017; NASA-CR-160342; LEC-13258; JSC-14785)

Avail: NTIS HC A18/MF A01 CSCL 05B

### **N80-15478\*#** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex. **CONSIDERATIONS FOR DESIGN OF FUTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTERACTIVE IMAGE ANALYSIS SYSTEMS**

T. B. Wilkinson, Principal Investigator *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 333-344 refs ERTS

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Future interactive image analysis systems must provide for the increased processing requirements imposed by a thermal channel to LANDSAT-3 and the increased number of spectral channels with significantly higher spatial resolution provided by the LANDSAT-D thematic mapper. Other design considerations must include the rapidly changing technology in memories and special purpose processors, as well as the analyst-machine interface and the human factors involved. The centralized and distributed system approaches are examined in relation to the optimum design configuration of future systems. A.R.H.

### **N80-15493\*#** Texas A&M Univ., College Station. **ON THE CLUSTERING OF MULTIDIMENSIONAL PICTORIAL DATA**

J. D. Bryant, Principal Investigator *In* NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979. p 647-659 refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57198 ERTS

(Contract NAS9-14689)

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Obvious approaches to reducing the cost (in computer resources) of applying current clustering techniques to the problem of remote sensing are discussed. The use of spatial information in finding fields and in classifying mixture pixels is examined.

and the AMOEBA clustering program is described. Internally, a pattern recognition program, from without, AMOEBA appears to be an unsupervised clustering program. It is fast and automatic. No choices (such as arbitrary thresholds to set split/combine sequences) need be made. The problem of finding the number of clusters is solved automatically. At the conclusion of the program, all points in the scene are classified; however, a provision is included for a reject classification of some points which, within the theoretical framework, cannot rationally be assigned to any cluster. A.R.H.

**N80-15495\*** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.

**CLASSY: AN ADAPTIVE MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD CLUSTERING ALGORITHM**

R. K. Lenington and M. E. Rassbach, Principal Investigators (Elogic, Inc., Houston, Tex.) /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 671-689 refs ERTS

(Contract NAS9-15200)

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF A01 CSCL 02C

The CLASSY clustering method alternates maximum likelihood iterative techniques for estimating the parameters of a mixture distribution with an adaptive procedure for splitting, combining, and eliminating the resultant components of the mixture. The adaptive procedure is based on maximizing the fit of a mixture of multivariate normal distributions to the observed data using its first through fourth central moments. It generates estimates of the number of multivariate normal components in the mixture as well as the proportion, mean vector, and covariance matrix for each component. The basic mathematical model for CLASSY and the actual operation of the algorithm as currently implemented are described. Results of applying CLASSY to real and simulated LANDSAT data are presented and compared with those generated by the iterative self-organizing clustering system algorithm on the same data sets. A.R.H.

**N80-15496\*** Houston Univ., Tex.

**LINEAR FEATURE SELECTION WITH APPLICATIONS**

H. P. Decell, Jr. and L. F. Guseman, Jr., Principal Investigators (Texas A and M Univ., College Station) /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 691-703 refs ERTS

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Several ways in which feature selection techniques were used in LACIE are discussed. In all cases, the methods require some a priori information and assumptions; in most, the classification procedure (Bayes optimal) was chosen in advance. The transformations used for dimensionality reduction are linear, that is, the variables in feature space are always linear combinations of the original measurements. Several numerically tractable criteria developed for LACIE, which provide information about the probability of misclassification, are discussed. Recent results on linear feature selection techniques are included. Their use in LACIE is discussed. Related open questions are mentioned. A.R.H.

**N80-15508\*** Lockheed Electronics Co., Houston, Tex.

**IMAGE AND NUMERICAL DISPLAY AIDS FOR MANUAL INTERPRETATION**

R. A. Abotteen, Principal Investigator /In NASA. Johnson Space Center Proc. of Tech. Sessions, Vol. 1 and 2 Jul. 1979 p 911-921 refs Original contains imagery. Original photography may be purchased from the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57198 ERTS

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Four color image display techniques, developed to aid in interpreting LANDSAT imagery, are described. These are the cluster image, the principal component transformation, the

principal component greenness transformation, and the color-coded spectral plot. Experimental results show that the four techniques are useful in selecting and/or identifying representative samples of signatures in a given LANDSAT scene. A.R.H.

**N80-15540#** Catholic Univ. of America, Washington, D. C. Dept. of Electrical Engineering.

**CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMATED IMAGE ANALYSIS. AUTOMATED CONTOUR RECOGNITION AND CLASSIFICATION IN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY BY MEANS OF ANGLES AND CURVATURE Final Report**

Henning F. Harmuth 31 Aug. 1979 96 p refs

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(AD-A074439; ETL-0194) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 09/4

The automated contour recognition and classification in aerial photography requires a feature of contours that is invariant to shift, rotation and scaling. General polygons are characterized by their angles and their normalized sides. The normalization of the sides may be achieved by dividing either with the longest side or with the circumference of the polygon. For a curved contour, the simplest invariant under shift and rotation is the curvature. To make the curvature invariant to scaling, one may divide it by the largest curvature or multiply it with the length of the contour; the multiplication with the length of the contour is better because of the finite resolution of photographs and equipment. The principle of contour recognition and classification based on angles and curvature is worked out for practical displays that produce square patterns, such as liquid crystal or plasma tube displays. The mechanical and electronic design for experimental equipment is carried out based on a plasma tube display with 512 x 512 resolved points. GRA

**N80-15547#** Geological Survey, Reston, Va.

**US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SOURCES OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND IMAGES OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES TAKEN FROM SPACECRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ALEUTIAN ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE RANGE. PROJECT 8: CONSERVATION OF NATURAL AREAS AND OF THE GENETIC MATERIAL THEY CONTAIN**

Janet Bonner, comp. 1979 45 p

(PB-297931/8) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08G

Photographs and images of biosphere reserves taken from spacecraft and aircraft provide a significant data base showing broad views and details of the landscape and are invaluable in searching for changes and trends in forest cover, water area, and other diagnostic landscape features. Each data report lists remotely sensed data gathered from spacecraft and aircraft available for a single biosphere reserve. Computer listings of data are provided by the EROS Data Center of the U.S. Geological Survey, which contains in its archives all of the listed material in photographic form and, in the case of LANDSAT images, can make available computer-compatible magnetic tapes of any LANDSAT scene. GRA

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Includes data acquisition and camera systems and remote sensors.

**A80-14196 #** Airborne semiconductor radiometers (Samoletnye radiometry na poluprovodnikovyykh priborakh). A. G. Semin, Iu. B. Khapin, and A. N. Sharapov. *Radiotekhnika*, vol. 34, Sept. 1979, p. 42-45. In Russian.

A number of microwave superheterodyne semiconductor radiometers with input mixers have been developed for remote sensing of the atmosphere and underlying surfaces. The radiometers operate at frequencies of 89, 37, and 20 GHz. This paper presents a brief description of radiometer units and subunits. B.J.

**A80-15489** India's first remotely-sensed satellite data from 'BHASKARA' using 'SAMIR'. O. P. N. Calla, G. Raju, S. S. Rana, and S. Balasubramanian (Indian Space Research Organization, Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad, India). *Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, Journal*, vol. 25, Aug. 1979, p. 321-324.

This paper describes the first remote sensing data obtained from the indigenous satellite, 'BHASKARA', using a passive microwave remote sensor. The payload, Satellite Microwave Radiometer (SAMIR), is a three-channel microwave radiometric system, two of them operating in the 19-GHz band and the third in the 22-GHz band. SAMIR is one of the primary payloads on-board Bhaskara and its chief objectives are investigations of sea state, water vapor and liquid water content in the atmosphere and over the oceans adjoining the Indian subcontinent. The overland data gives synoptic information to soil moisture, snow cover and biomass studies of interest to applications in earth resources. The characteristics of the payload and the data obtained in the initial operations of the satellite are presented. (Author)

**A80-20266** Cooperative methods for acquisition of aerial photography. R. B. Scott, T. W. D. Gregg, and R. E. Heft (Washington, Dept. of Natural Resources, Olympia, Wash.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings.

Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 512-521.

The paper deals with a unique aerial photographic acquisition program that contracts the collection of several scales of photography over approximately seventy percent of the state on a repetitive basis. The program is designed to provide a wide range of photographic products to meet the needs of resource managers at a reduced cost. The discussion covers the history and evolution of the program, types of photographic materials collected, cooperative aspects and advantages, and the administration of the program. V.P.

**A80-16559** Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions (Issledovanie taezhnykh landshaftov distantsionnymi metodami). Edited by A. S. Isaev. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979. 222 p. In Russian.

The papers deal with applications of remote sensing from aircraft and satellites to the surveying of extended taiga regions. Some aspects of the theory of landscape-structural interpretation of satellite imagery are reviewed, and mathematical methods of processing information obtained from image interpretation are outlined. Attention is given to methodological aspects of mapping extended forest and marsh areas, soils, and fire devastated regions. V.P.

**A80-16568 #** Analysis of the spectral reflection characteristics of natural formations in remote sensing studies (Analiz spektral'nykh otrazhatel'nykh kharakteristik prirodnykh obrazovaniy pri distantsionnom issledovanii). I. A. Petrakovskii, R. G. Khlebopros, and A. S. Isaev. In: Remote-sensing studies of taiga regions. Novosibirsk, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1979, p. 201-213. 28 refs. In Russian.

The use and current status of multispectral recognition techniques for conducting wide-area environmental surveys are examined. It is shown that the difficulties arising due to changes in the reflection coefficient of a test site, caused by changes in position of the sun, can be eliminated by measuring the reflected radiation in a direction antiparallel to the direct solar rays. V.P.

**A80-17431 \*** Making real-time sun reflectance measurements with a microprocessor-based spectroradiometer. F. M. Zweibaum (Barnes Engineering Co., Stamford, Conn.) and E. W. Chapelle (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.). In: Real-time signal processing II; Proceedings of the Seminar, Washington, D.C., April 19, 20, 1979. Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1979, p. 242-255.

A standard high-speed, field-portable spectroradiometric measurement system built around a programmable microprocessor has been adapted to the form of a Reflectometer/Comparator. In this configuration, the instrument makes passive measurements of the absolute reflectance of agricultural plant canopies over a spectral range of 0.4 to 2.5 micrometers. Real-time absolute measurements are made possible by an optical chopper which constantly compares the target with the sun, and makes extensive measurements of solar reflectance from a variety of these targets. The paper describes the instrumentation and measurement procedures, reviews the software programming and discusses the results. (Author)

**A80-17460 \*** Thematic mapper design description and performance prediction. J. C. Lansing, Jr., T. D. Wise (Santa Barbara Research Center, Goleta, Calif.), and E. D. Harney (Hughes Aircraft Co., El Segundo, Calif.). In: Space optics; Proceedings of the Seminar, Huntsville, Ala., May 22-24, 1979. Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1979, p. 224-234. Contract No. NAS5-24200.

The new generation of satellite-borne earth resources scanners, the Thematic Mapper, is being built for launch on the Landsat-D spacecraft. It will gather data for applications such as crop inventory, land use planning, forest management, and geology. This paper gives an overall design description, further discussion of principal design features, performance achievements where data are available, and system performance predictions. (Author)

**A80-17462 \*** Multispectral Resource Sampler - An experimental satellite sensor for the mid-1980s. C. C. Schnetzler and L. L. Thompson (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.). In: Space optics; Proceedings of the Seminar, Huntsville, Ala., May 22-24, 1979. Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1979, p. 255-262.

An experimental pushbroom scan sensor, the Multispectral Resource Sampler (MRS), being developed by NASA for a future earth orbiting flight is presented. This sensor will provide new earth survey capabilities beyond those of current sensor systems, with a

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ground resolution of 15 m over a swath width of 15 km in four bands. The four arrays are aligned on a common focal surface requiring no beamsplitters, thus causing a spatial separation on the ground which requires computer processing to register the bands. Along track pointing permits stereo coverage at variable base/height ratios and atmospheric correction experiments, while across track pointing will provide repeat coverage, from a Landsat-type orbit, of every 1 to 3 days. The MRS can be used for experiments in crop discrimination and status, rock discrimination, land use classification, and forestry. A.T.

**A80-17463** Array technology as applied to future earth resources sensors. J. A. Hall and D. H. McCann (Westinghouse Defense and Electronic Systems Center, Baltimore, Md.). In: Space optics; Proceedings of the Seminar, Huntsville, Ala., May 22-24, 1979. Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1979, p. 263-272.

Schnetzler and Thompson have described the multispectral resource sampler - a visible and near visible sensor system for spaceborne assessment of earth resources, based on established technologies. In the present paper, it is shown how established technologies can be used to design an advanced earth resource sensor system in the 1985-1990 time frame. V.P.

**A80-17515** Geometric preprocessing of sensor data used for image matching. J. E. Berry and J. K. Yoo (Goodyear Aerospace Corp., Akron, Ohio). In: Digital processing of aerial images; Proceedings of the Seminar, Huntsville, Ala., May 22-24, 1979. Bellingham, Wash., Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1979, p. 2-11. 11 refs. Grant No. DAAK40-77-C-0107.

Preprocessing that enables accurate matching of two images taken by sensors located at different points in space is presented. Separation between the sensors results in perspective changes that appear as geometric distortion. Two methods for removing the distortion are described. One method applies to sensors that measure range. The second method applies to sensors that do not measure range. Descriptions of the applicable sensor data formats, rationale for the preprocessing approaches and transformations used to implement the approaches are included. Examples comparing images before and after preprocessing are shown. (Author)

**A80-18774** The reduction and analysis of satellite magnetometer data. R. D. Regan (Phoenix Corp., McLean, Va.). *Geophysical Surveys*, vol. 3, Dec. 1979, p. 331-349. 18 refs.

The paper considers the reduction and interpretation of satellite magnetometer data and details its morphology. These data are useful in the compilation, reduction, and analysis of magnetic survey data; suitable analysis such as screening and reduction to common altitude and inclination and consideration of the vector nature of the background field can provide valuable information for crustal studies. However, the reduction and interpretation techniques for satellite magnetometer measurements differ from methods applied to conventional data; they require modifications of several standard techniques although the unequal spacing, in three dimensions, of the satellite data and the variation in direction and intensity of the main geomagnetic field pose some interpretation problems. The variation in altitude of the satellite measurements can also be used in some analyses. A.T.

**A80-20244 \*** Using airborne radiometry to determine atmospheric effects in Landsat data. R. W. Dana (U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Fort Collins, Colo.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 117-129. 10 refs. NASA Order S-54053-A.

An empirical method was developed to measure how solar and atmospheric conditions affect Landsat images by comparing Landsat MSS data with terrain reflectance. Terrain reflectance was measured with a four-channel radiometer designed to measure radiance in wavelength bands matched to the Landsat MSS data. Other instrumentation included a digital data logger, an irradiance meter, and a video camera with recorder. Reflectance of many terrain elements which could be registered to the Landsat digital data were measured from a low-flying aircraft. Correlations of reflectance with Landsat radiance verified a linear atmospheric model with an additive (path radiance) term and a multiplicative (transmittance) term. Coefficients from this model permit the extension of spectral signatures in computer-aided classification of Landsat images. (Author)

**A80-20250** The PDS differential rectifier - An economical approach to digital orthophotos. J. Horton (Perkin-Elmer Corp., Applied Optics Div., South Pasadena, Calif.). In: American Society of Photogrammetry, Fall Technical Meeting, Albuquerque, N. Mex., October 15-20, 1978, Proceedings. Falls Church, Va., American Society of Photogrammetry, 1978, p. 264-282.

The digital sampling and playback capabilities of the PDS Microdensitometer are utilized to differentially rectify photographic images to produce orthophotos, stereomates, and other simulated-perspective reconstructions. A method is described whereby the input imagery can be non-orthogonally scanned, eliminating the necessity of resampling the digitized pixel data, and thus enabling high-resolution reconstructions while obviating the need for a large capacity, therefore expensive, control computer. Examples are given of the performance which can be expected of this system, in terms of resolution vs. throughput. (Author)

**N80-11547#** Technical Research Centre of Finland, Espoo. Lab. of Land Use.

### **AUTOMATED EARTH RESOURCES SURVEYS USING SATELLITE AND AIRCRAFT SCANNER DATA: A FINNISH APPROACH**

Einari Kilpelä, Sipi Jaakkola, Risto Kuittinen, and Jouko Talvitie 1978 174 p refs Co-Sponsored by Finn. Natl. Fund for Res. and Develop., Acad. of Finland, Found. for Res. of Nat. Res., Min. of Trade and Ind., Sci. Comm. of Natl. Defence Original contains color illustrations (VTT-LU-15; ISBN-951-38-0723-1) Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01

A tree-year multidisciplinary earth resources oriented remote sensing project was carried out to develop automated environment monitoring and natural resources inventory methods for Finnish conditions and to study the technical feasibility of such methods in the fields of water resources, geology, agriculture, and forestry. Both satellite (LANDSAT) and aircraft scanner data from several test sites in southern Finland were used in the study. Data acquisition and analysis procedures as well as the results obtained are discussed. The results justify more detailed remote sensing research on various problems in all fields cited. Author (ESA)

### **N80-12034#** Office National d'Etudes et de Recherches Aerospatiales, Paris (France). **SPECTROMETER FOR THE FIRST SPACELAB PAYLOAD**

Jean Besson, Andre Girard, Marcel Ackerman, and Dirk Frimout (Inst. of Space Aeronomy, Brussels) In: *La Rech. Aerospatiale*, Bi-monthly Bull. No. 1978-6 Sep. 1979 p 77-93 refs Transl. into ENGLISH from *La Rech. Aerospatiale*, Bull. Bimestriel (Paris) no. 1978-6, Nov. - Dec. 1978 p 343-353 Presented at 29th Intern. Congr. of Astronautics, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, 1-8 Oct. 1978 Original language report was announced as A79-11279

Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01

The grille spectrometer for measuring stratospheric and mesospheric composition, which will be mounted on board permits infrared measurements of active atmospheric constituents in the altitude range where their local concentration is higher than 100 million mol/cu cm. The instrument operates in two modes: in absorption with the sun as a source and in emission in the spectral ranges corresponding to the thermal emission of atmospheric gases. The instrument consists of a sighting system (tiltable front mirror), a radiation collector, a monochromator with output optics and detectors, and electronic subassemblies for the instrument command and its connection with the Spacelab electronic system. Author (ESA)

**N80-12468** Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpfaffenhofen (West Germany).

**AIMS AND TASKS OF THE AIRCRAFT TEST PROGRAM [ZIELE UND AUFGABEN DES FLUGZEUGMESSPROGRAMMS]**

Manfred Schroeder. In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 11-22 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Studies were carried out for developing German remote sensing equipment for future participation in international satellite projects for global and regional environmental monitoring systems. Emphasis is given to work in the following fields: multispectral imaging techniques, development of systems for the digital treatment of images, applications to geoscience problems, evaluations for future technological developments, balanced organizational and interdisciplinary teams. Author (ESA)

**N80-12469** Technische Universitaet, Hanover (West Germany). **ON THE CURRENT STATE OF REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES [ZUM GEGENWAERTIGEN STAND DER FERNERKUNDUNG]**

G. Konecny. In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 23-36 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

Several different aspects of current work are discussed: radiation characteristics of various objects, choice of sensors, choice of platform, data processing (analog and digital), and the handling and interpretation of complex information. A specific problem which benefits from the exploitation of such techniques is then exposed: the Jade coast region. The economic importance of the region is underlined. It is concluded that a high resolution thermal sensor and an even higher resolution optical sensor are invaluable for coastal water and engineering studies.

Author (ESA)

**N80-12515** Freiburg Univ. (West Germany). **THE MULTISPECTRAL SCANNER AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR SIGNATURE DETERMINATIONS**

P. G. Reichert. In Tech. Hochschule On Meas. from Aircraft Jun. 1978 p 459-470 refs In GERMAN

Avail: Issuing Activity

The identification of objects by multispectral scanning supposes a knowledge of the spectral reflection characteristics of the surface investigated. The determination in situ of these characteristics has the disadvantage of requiring considerable apparatus and employing systems that enable only a few objects to be measured in a working day. A method of overcoming this difficulty is described, which enables various different objects in different regions to be studied under different image conditions. Examples are given. Author (ESA)

**N80-12530\*** Texas A&M Univ., College Station. Remote Sensing Center.

**THE SYSTEM AND HARDWARE DESIGN OF REAL-TIME FAN BEAM SCATTEROMETER DATA PROCESSORS Final Report**

John P. Claassen, Robert O. Stroud, Billy V. Clark, B. Randall Jean, and Richard W. Newton, Principal Investigator Mar. 1979 286 p refs EREP (Contract NAS9-15311) (E80-10028; NASA-CR-160350; RSC-3556) Avail: NTIS HC A13/MF A01 CSCL 14B

**N80-12533\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

**EXAMINATION OF LAMBERTIAN AND NON-LAMBERTIAN MODELS FOR SIMULATING THE TOPOGRAPHIC EFFECT ON REMOTELY SENSED DATA**

Chris Justice and Brent N. Holben Sep. 1979 25 p refs Submitted for publication (NASA-TM-80557) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 05B

As a preliminary step to developing a technique to eliminate the topographic effect from remotely sensed data, two radiance simulation models were examined and compared. A Lambertian and a non-Lambertian model were tested using hand-held radiometer measurements from a uniform surface at different slope angle aspect orientations. Linear correlation coefficients for the non-Lambertian model and the field spectra were calculated to be greater than 0.92 for all cases; whereas correlation coefficients for the Lambertian model ranged from 0.06 to 0.98. An assumption regarding an empirical constant within the non-Lambertian equation was found to be invalid and the model was improved by using subsets of the data to derive the empirical value. Author

**N80-12534\*** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

**INTERIM CALIBRATION REPORT FOR THE SMMR SIMULATOR**

P. Gloersen and D. Cavalieri (Systems and Applied Sciences Corp., Riverdale, Md.) Sep. 1979 22 p refs (NASA-TM-80564) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 14B

The calibration data obtained during the fall 1978 Nimbus-G underflight mission with the scanning multichannel microwave radiometer (SMMR) simulator on board the NASA CV-990 aircraft were analyzed and an interim calibration algorithm was developed. Data selected for the analysis consisted of in flight sky, first-year sea ice, and open water observations, as well as ground based observations of fixed targets with varied temperatures of selected instrument components. For most of the SMMR channels, a good fit to the selected data set was obtained with the algorithm. K.L.

**N80-13608#** Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Cologne (West Germany). Bereich fuer Projektraegerschaften.

**THE GEOSCIENTIFIC AIRBORNE REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM. Final Report**

Manfred Wahl Bonn Bundesmin. fuer Forsch. u. Technology Sep. 1978 233 p refs In GERMAN; ENGLISH summary Original contains color illustrations (Contract BMFT-WE-0175) (BMFT-FB-W-78-31) Avail: NTIS HC A11/MF A01; Fachinformationszentrum, Karlsruhe, West Germany DM 48.75

The Airborne Remote Sensing program, carried out from 1974 to 1977 in the Federal Republic of Germany, is part of an international operational system of earth observation satellites. Within five selected test areas, numerous flights were performed using different multispectral sensors. The data were systematically evaluated using advanced image processing procedures. The extensive results verify the significant contribution of remote sensing to the solution of application-oriented problems, such as environmental monitoring, and justify the continuation of this space program. Author (ESA)



## 08 INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS

**N80-13610#** Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Paris (France). Direction des Programmes et de la Politique Industrielle.

### **SPOT, FRENCH PREOPERATIONAL REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE SYSTEM**

Alan A. Scribot 1978 15 p refs Presented at 22d COSPAR Plenary Meeting, Bangalore, India, May-Jun. 1979

Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01

The SPOT remote sensing satellite system is described, including mission objectives, choice of orbit parameters for the first SPOT mission, the SPOT system architecture, the payload and choice of sensor parameters, the standard platform, and the ground segment. The payload consists of two high resolution visible sensors scanning 60 km each with 20 m resolution in several bands and 10 m resolution in the 0.5 to 0.9 micron (panchromatic) band. SPOT is suited for vegetation and water studies, cartographic applications, and geology. Author (ESA)

Walton L. Howes Dec. 1979 36 p refs

(NASA-TM-79310; E-266) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08L

The simplest methods for aerial remote sensing which are least affected by atmospheric opacities are summarized. Radar is preferred for targets off the flight path, and microwave radiometry for targets along the flight path. Radar methods are classified by ability to resolve targets. Techniques which do not require target resolution are preferred. Among these techniques, polarization methods appear most promising, specifically those which differentiate the expected relatively greater depolarization by icebergs from that by ships or which detect doubly-reversed circular polarization.

R.C.T.

**N80-14444#** European Space Agency, Paris (France). Directorate of Planning and Future Programmes.

### **THE EARTHNET PROGRAMME**

L. Mareli *In its* Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 20-27

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

A European network for the acquisition, preprocessing, archiving, and distribution of remote sensing satellite data is described. Emphasis is placed on distribution of LANDSAT data and increased utilization of space derived remote sensing imagery. Establishment of a basic capacity to handle data from both American and European remote sensing satellites, to provide high standard products tailored to the needs of users, and to include second generation remote sensing missions such as LANDSAT-D, Seasat-B and C, space shuttle based remote sensing experiments, and planned European remote sensing missions for the first Spacelab flight is outlined.

J.M.S.

**N80-14448#** European Space Operations Center, Darmstadt (West Germany). Meteosat Data Management Dept.

### **METEOSAT AND REMOTE SENSING APPLICATION**

K. G. Lenhart *In* ESA Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol. 1979 p 61-72

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The main characteristics of Meteosat and its associated ground system are described. The spacecraft orbit and attitude, mission objectives, and radiometer capabilities and image processing on the ground are discussed along with near real time image dissemination and the data collection platform sub-system. Remote sensing applications of Meteosat data are surveyed.

J.M.S.

**N80-15380\*#** General Electric Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Space Sciences Lab.

### **PRESSURE MODULATOR RADIOMETER (PMR) TESTS**

E. L. G. Odell, F. M. Cosmi, A. E. Kreft, G. W. Racette, T. J. Maresca, F. O. Pancoast, D. J. Rutecki, and W. C. Yager 25 Sep. 1979 81 p

(Contract NAS1-15044)

(NASA-CR-159175) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 14B

The pressure modulator technique was evaluated for monitoring pollutant gases in the Earth's atmosphere of altitude levels corresponding to the mid and lower troposphere. Using an experimental set up and a 110 cm sample cell, pressure modulator output signals resulting from a range of gas concentrations in the sample cell were examined. Then a 20 cm sample cell was modified so that trace gas properties in the atmosphere could be simulated in the laboratory. These gas properties were measured using an infrared sensor.

R.E.S.

**N80-15538\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

### **POSSIBLE METHODS FOR DISTINGUISHING ICEBERGS FROM SHIPS BY AERIAL REMOTE SENSING**

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Includes economic analysis.

**A80-14792** Landsat applications in Georgia - A successful example of technology transfer between NASA and state government. B. O. Rado (Georgia, Dept. of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Ga.) and L. E. Jordan, III (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.). In: Space - The best is yet to come; Proceedings of the Sixteenth Space Congress, Cocoa Beach, Fla., April 25-27, 1979. Cocoa Beach, Fla., Canaveral Council of Technical Societies, 1979, p. 6-8 to 6-14.

Following a formal request by the State of Georgia for technology transfer assistance, NASA agreed to a plan (the Regional Application Program) with the following two objectives: phase I, to determine the feasibility of using Landsat-derived landcover information for resource management applications using NASA's computers and programs, essentially cost-free to the state; and phase II, to transfer the NASA application technology and computer software to Georgia. Landcover classifications of interest, as determined by Georgia's Department of Natural Resources, included high- and low-density urban, bare ground, agricultural production lands row crops, pasture or grasslands, forested areas, production forests, marshes, and surface water. The accuracy attained in locating each type of landcover is discussed. Other considerations involved determining the best time of year for visually separating each type of landcover from the others, and choosing the graphic display format, including the number of colors it contains. J.P.B.

**A80-15771** Remote sensing applications in developing countries. Edited by W. G. Collins (Aston, University, Birmingham, England) and J. L. van Genderen (Fairley Surveys, Ltd., Maidenhead, Berks., England). Birmingham, England, University of Aston, 1978. 103 p.

Papers are presented on applications of remote sensing to the exploitation, management and monitoring of the resources of developing nations. Specific topics include the use of Landsat imagery for natural resources mapping in western Sudan, the use of remote sensing for transport planning and highway engineering in developing nations, a photointerpretation study of erosion in rural Lesotho, reconnaissance soil mapping in India using Landsat imagery, side-looking airborne radar, satellite imagery and aerial photography for a forest survey in the Amazon basin, digital analysis of radar imagery for vegetation detection in Nigeria and an assessment of LACIE and related crop inventory methodologies. A.L.W.

**A80-16394 #** The use of space - International cooperation in the area of space applications (Kosmos-zemle - Mezhdunarodnoe sotrudnichestvo v oblasti prikladnogo izpol'zovaniia kosmonavtiki). A. D. Koval' and Iu. A. Tiurin. Moscow, Izdatel'stvo Znanie, 1979. 112 p. In Russian.

The book deals with the international aspects of space activity. The discussion is centered on the use of space for remote sensing of earth resources, for purposes of national economy, and for communications, navigation, geodetic, and meteorological applications. Attention is given to a new industrial discipline - the manufacture of products in space. The influence of space research on science and technology is reviewed. V.P.

**A80-17993 #** Constructing a network of earth resource satellites (O zadache postroeniia seti ISZ dlia issledovaniia prirodnkh resursov zemli). V. S. Komstantinov, A. A. Lebedev, V. A. Strel'tsov, and M. M. Khrustalev. *Kosmicheskie Issledovaniia*, vol. 17, Nov.-Dec. 1979, p. 945-948. 6 refs. In Russian.

The problem is formulated of developing a system of earth resource satellites capable of providing answers to numerous economic questions. The system must consist of several autonomous subsystems, and is required to function under a variety of conditions. A method, based on an optimization theory for multipurpose systems, is proposed to solve the problem. V.P.

**N80-10537\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

### EDUCATOR'S GUIDE FOR MISSION TO EARTH: LANDSAT VIEWS THE WORLD

Margaret A. Tindal 1978 56 p refs Original contains color illustrations (NASA-SP-360) Avail: NTIS MF A01, SOD HC CSCL 08B

This teacher's guide is specifically designed to provide information and suggestions for using LANDSAT imagery to teach basic concepts in several content areas. Content areas include: (1) Earth science and geology; (2) environmental studies; (3) geography; and (4) social and urban studies. R.E.S.

**N80-10587#** Hawaii Ad Hoc Committee on Remote Sensing. Honolulu.

### LANDSAT PROJECT, STATE OF HAWAII: A PRELIMINARY REPORT

Dec. 1978 41 p (PB-296712/3: NOAA-79050811) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 13B

The past, present and potential future application of satellite remote sensing technology is examined as a possible means for meeting growing land use and environment-related information needs of the State of Hawaii. GRA

**N80-11530#** Committee on Science and Technology (U. S. House).

### EARTH RESOURCES DATA AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Washington GPO 1979 222 p refs Hearings before the Subcomm. on Space Sci. and Applications of the Comm. on Sci. and Technol., 96th Congr., 1st Sess., No. 24, 2-3 May 1979 (GPO-49-530) Avail: Subcomm. on Space Sci. and Applications

The implementation of and an earth resources data and information service is discussed. Policy issues surrounding the remote sensing of earth resources are presented. The role of the government versus the role of the private sector, the needs of private industry, state and local governments, and the international community are examined in relation to the formation of the earth resources and data information service. A.W.H.

**N80-11533\*#** Battelle Columbus Labs., Ohio.  
**AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF FIVE SELECTED LANDSAT ASSISTED INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN OREGON Final Report**

S. Solomon and K. M. Maher Oct. 1979 30 p refs (Contract NASw-2800) (NASA-CR-162434: BCL-OA-TFR-79-5) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 05B

A comparative cost analysis was performed on five LANDSAT-based information systems. In all cases, the LANDSAT system

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was found to have cost advantages over its alternative. The information sets generated by LANDSAT and the alternative method are not identical but are comparable in terms of satisfying the needs of the sponsor. The information obtained from the LANDSAT system in some cases is said to lack precision and detail. On the other hand, it was found to be superior in terms of providing information on areas that are inaccessible and unobtainable through conventional means. There is therefore a trade-off between precision and detail, and considerations of costs. The projects examined were concerned with locating irrigation circles in Morrow County; monitoring tansy ragwort infestation; inventorying old growth Douglas fir near Spotted Owl habitats; inventorying vegetation and resources in all state-owned lands; and determining and use for Columbia River water policies.

A.R.H.

**N80-11995#** Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), Berne (Switzerland).

### SPACE RESEARCH IN SWITZERLAND, 1978

1979 22 p Presented at 22d COSPAR Plenary Meeting, Bangalore, India, May/Jun. 1979 Sponsored by Swiss Natl. Sci. Found.

Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01

Swiss space research is summarized. Research was undertaken using instruments flown on balloons, rockets, and satellites, often participating in international cooperation programs. Main subjects include satellite geodesy, middle atmosphere studies, magnetosphere studies, solar wind composition, investigations on fine materials and rocks returned from the moon, solar physics, astronomic photometry, and earth resources studies.

Author (ESA)

**N80-12722#** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D. C. Office of Coastal Zone Management.

### REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. TRANSITION QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR 1977

Jan. 1979 113 p

(PB-298537/2; NOAA-79061803)

Avail: NTIS

HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 13B

This report contains separate sections on: identification of the state programs approved during the preceding Federal fiscal year and a description of those programs; listing of the states participating and a description of the status of each state's program and its accomplishments during the preceding Federal fiscal year; itemization of the allocation of funds to the various coastal states and a breakdown of the major projects and areas; an identification of any state programs which have been reviewed and disapproved and which grants have been terminated and a statement for the reasons for such action; activities and projects which are not consistent with an approved state management program; and a summary of regulations issued by the Secretary or in effect during the preceding Federal fiscal year.

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**N80-14165#** Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Toulouse (France).

### FRENCH SPACE PROGRAMS [PROGRAMME SPATIAL FRANCAIS. RAPPORT AU COSPAR]

1979 154 p refs In FRENCH; ENGLISH summary Presented at 22d COSPAR Assembly, Bangalore, India, May - Jun. 1979 Prepared in cooperation with Comité Natl. Franc. de Rech. dans l'Espace, Paris

Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01

French activities during 1979 in space research and correlated programs are summarized. The work accomplished in the fields of astronomy, solar system, planet studies, interplanetary medium, ionosphere and magnetospheric physics, aeronomy, meteorology, earth resources, geodesy, life sciences, and material sciences are discussed.

Author (ESA)

J. Plevin and I. Pryke *In its Satellite Remote Sensing: Appl. in Agroclimatol. and Agrometeorol.* 1979 p 74-87 refs Presented at ISP/IUERO Symp., Freiburg, July 1978

Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01

The activities of the European Space Agency (ESA) concerning access to and development of remote sensing facilities are reviewed. European regional needs and priorities are emphasized, but aid programs to developing countries are also envisaged. Preparation of remote sensing experiments for use in Spacelab is discussed. The development of a metric camera and the microwave remote sensing experiment scheduled for the First Spacelab Payload are cited as examples. The organization of the Earthnet Program is then covered and ESA studies relating to the definition of other remote sensing satellite systems are summarized.

Author (ESA)

**N80-14971\*#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D. C.

### A REVIEW OF NASA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

1 Jan. 1979 112 p refs

(NASA-TM-80845) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 05A

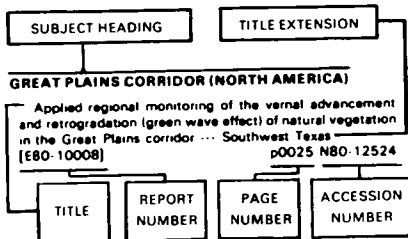
A synoptic overview of NASA's international activities to January 1979 is presented. The cooperating countries and international organizations are identified. Topics covered include (1) cooperative arrangements for ground-based, spaceborne, airborne, rocket-borne, and balloon-borne ventures, joint development, and aeronautical R & D; (2) reimbursable launchings; (3) tracking and data acquisition; and (4) personnel exchanges. International participation in NASA's Earth resources investigations is summarized in the appendix. A list of automatic picture transmission stations is included.

A.R.H.

**N80-14449#** European Space Agency, Paris (France).

### THE ESA REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM: PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS

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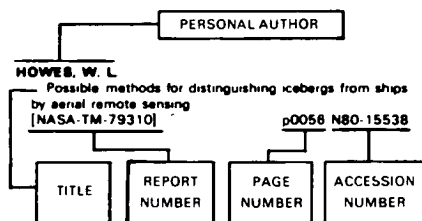
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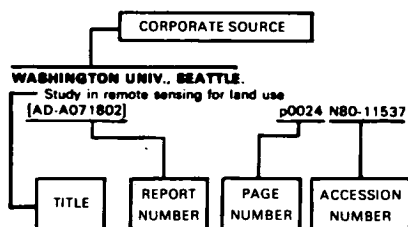
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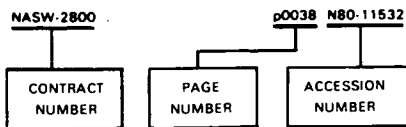
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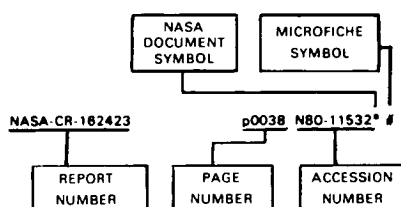
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